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Speaker: Lupita Nyong'o

When: 2014

Where: Black Women in Hollywood Luncheon

Topic/Situation: Accepting an award for breakout performance as Patsey in *12 Years a Slave*; Discussing black beauty



-Received a letter from an African American girl saying, "I think you're really lucky to be this black but yet this successful in Hollywood overnight. I was just about to buy Dencia's Whitenicious cream to lighten my skin when you appeared on the world map and saved me."

- Reminded her of what the women in *The Color Purple* meant to her
- Used to bargain with God to lighten her skin
- Alek Wek, celebrated model "as dark as night" came into the public eye; gave her hope and confidence
- Calls for more women of color gaining success in the public eye

Key Quotes:

"You can't eat beauty. It doesn't feed you." And these words plagued and bothered me; I didn't really understand them until finally I realized that beauty was not a thing that I could acquire or consume, it was something that I just had to be."

"For the beauty on the inside, there is no shade in that beauty"



Speaker: Sheryl Sandberg, COO at *Facebook*

When: 2010

Where: *TED Talk* Speech

Topic/Situation: "Why We Have Too Few Women Leaders"
(ALL DATA FROM 2010)



- women are not making it to the top of any profession anywhere in the world
 - 190 heads of state, 9 are women; of all world parliament, only 13% women; numbers have not moved since 2002
- women face harder choices between professional success and personal fulfilment
- goal is to keep women in the workforce, preferable the high income part

"If you ask a woman why she did a good job, what they'll say is someone helped them, they got lucky, or they worked really hard." (hint: men wouldn't)

The Three Key Points

1. Sit at the Table

- Women systematically underestimate their own abilities, while men overestimate
 - women don't negotiate as much in the workforce
- success and likeability are positively correlated for men, and negatively correlated for women

2. Make Your Partner a Real Partner

- studies show that households with equal earnings and equal responsibilities have half the divorce rate
- even with both parents working full time high income jobs, the mom often has double or tripple duties at home

3. Don't Leave Before You Leave

- women start dropping out of positions of power and success early because society makes them feel like they can't "have it all"
- should encourage women to stay in the workforce, and keep the foot on the gas, especially before they even have a family

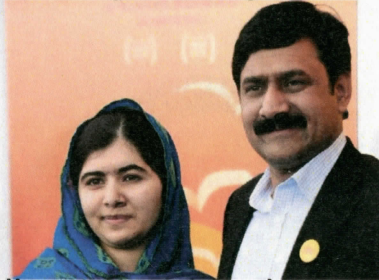
Speaker: Malala Yousufzai

When: January 25, 2018

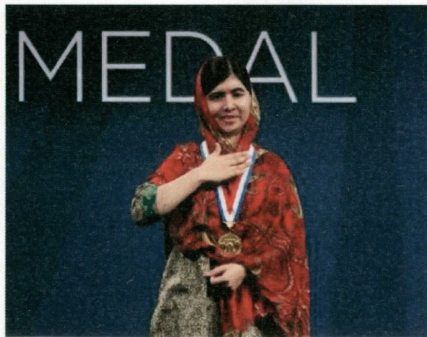
Where: World Economic Forum-Open Forum Davos

Topic: Yousufzai's Experience With Feminism

- Yousufzai spoke about her initial struggle with feminism and how the idea changed and impacted her as she grew up.
- She spoke about her role model, her father, who actively fought for women's rights throughout her life.



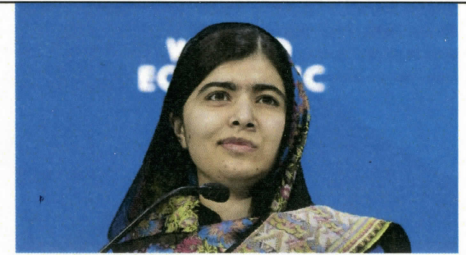
"He was challenging society, he was challenging rules, at each and every point in his life."
"He was a **feminist taking action.**"



"This award is not just for me. It is for those forgotten children who want education. It is for those frightened children who want peace. It is for those voiceless children who want change" - Malala

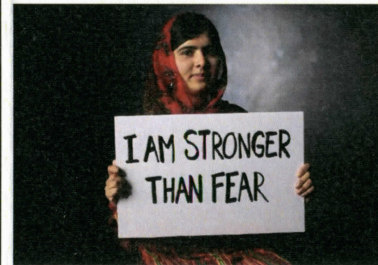
Yousufzai receiving the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014.

"When I first heard about feminism it was not about women's rights, not about equality, it was just messages. I was seeing feminism as controversial and that feminism is women's superiority."



- She also explained how her thoughts had changed since the 2014 World Economic Forum.

"First, we wanted me to do something for us, but that time is gone now. We are not going to ask men to change the world, ***we are going to do it ourselves.***"



Key Quote: "I just looked more into it and I realized that ***feminism is just another word for***

equality...When you speak about women's rights ***you become feminist***, even if you embrace it or not."

Speaker: Laverne Cox
When: January 24, 2014
Where: National Conference on LGBT
Equality
Topic: Transgender Issues and Unsung
Heroes

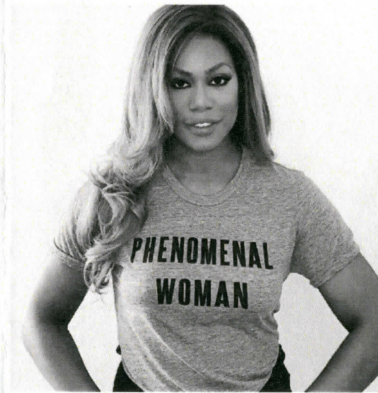
- Cox spoke to the crowd about the change needed and happening for transgender people and the LGBTQ+ community. She also highlighted great work that non-profit organizations have been doing and encouraged funding for them.
- Cox also told the story of CeCe McDonald, an African American transgender woman who was arrested when she defended herself against racist and homophobic attackers.



CeCe McDonald and Laverne Cox

"The media was upset because CeCe had the audacity to survive. Transwomen of color **are not supposed to survive.**"

Key Quote:
"When a transwoman is called a man that is an act of **violence.**"



"Some days I wake up and I'm that kid whose being chased home from school practically every day by groups of kids who wanted to beat me up because *I did not act the way that people assigned male at birth were*

supposed to act."

"Healthcare for trans people is a necessity. It is not elective, it is not cosmetic, it is **lifesaving.**"

- "There is a system in place which seeks to make trans people, usually trans people of color **disappear.**"
- Here Cox critiques the judicial system which typically is harmful to transgender individuals.
- Jails have often put transwomen or men in the wrong gendered facility or refused to provide the correct level of hormones needed for the individual.

Speaker: Asia Argento
Location: Cannes Festival, 2018
Topic: Sexual Assault and Rape
Within the Film Industry.



During the 2018 Cannes Festival, the actor and director spoke volumes to the audience in attendance. She explained to the audience that she had been raped by Weinstein when she was 21 years old at this same event in 1997.

"This was his hunting ground"



She continued with having this behavior in any industry and workplace is intolerable and injustice against women. She closed saying that Weinstein will not be allowed in the industry again due to the reveal of his crimes. However, he is the first to commit these acts as Argento points out there are still more even sitting in the room tonight. And will be revealed soon as they are no longer protected anymore.

Result: Shed light on the vast population of sexual predators in the industry that holds power of those trying to succeed. Also, everyone knows exactly who they are and it is time to speak.

Gave women confidence to know the acts against them are unjust and should not be brushed off anymore.

" We know who you are and more importantly you will no longer get away with it"

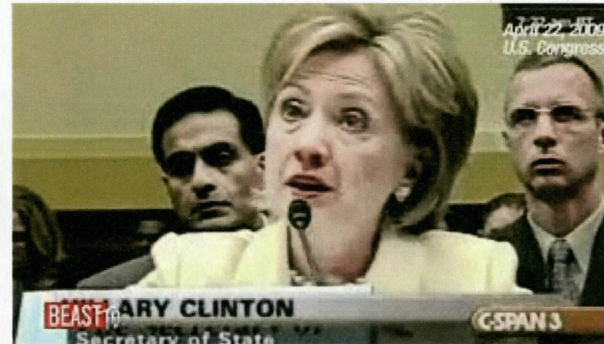


Speaker: Hillary Clinton
Location: Beijing, China;
Fourth Women's Conference
Topic: Provide a voice for women who do not have one

In her speech, Clinton addresses the injustices that have been put among women in everyday society. She states that as women we come together in so many locations and areas, but within that day is in which women truly unite. Hillary addresses the issues that women face on a day to day basis due to the gender that they are. However, she does not focus on the American view of women's issues but, globally what is taking place. This is a big move forward as many of the global topics about women's issues were not taken into light at all.



She gave these issues a voice explaining that many women in third world countries were not given education due to seen as the weaker form. Due to this, 70% of the poverty population in those countries are women because



opportunities to succeed are not possible. Continuing, she addresses the horrible situations women have been put in situations being genital mutilation and rape due to outside forces. She makes note that she has visited places where this is showing an emotional connection to this cause. Her main message in doing this speech is to show and make aware of what being a woman is truly like in today's society.

"Human rights are Women's Rights and Women's Rights are Human Rights".

Touched By An Angel

Maya Angelou

We, unaccustomed to courage
exiles from delight
live coiled in shells of loneliness
until love leaves its high holy temple
and comes into our sight
to liberate us into life.

Love arrives
and in its train come ecstasies
old memories of pleasure
ancient histories of pain.
Yet if we are bold,
love strikes away the chains of fear
from our souls.

We are weaned from our timidity
In the flush of love's light
we dare be brave
And suddenly we see
that love costs all we are
and will ever be.
Yet it is only love
which sets us free.



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