



# ARTICLE ALERT

## GLOBAL WOMEN'S ISSUES

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**The Obama Administration's Agenda on Women.  
The White House.** November 24, 2009.

President Obama has a long record of standing up for women. Throughout his career, in the Illinois Senate, the U.S. Senate, and now in the White House, Obama has stood up for a woman's right to choose.

[Full text](#)



**Women's Issues to Be Major Focus of U.S. Policy.**

Jane Morse. **U.S. Department of State.** September 25, 2009.

Women's issues will be the "centerpiece of my term as secretary of state," Hillary Rodham Clinton told a gathering of women heads of state and foreign ministers September 24 gathered in New York city for the opening of the 64<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly. [Full text](#)



**Clinton Hails UN Resolution to Protect Women Against Violence.**

Jane Morse. September 30, 2009.

Violence against women is not cultural but criminal, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told the United Nations Security Council, and she hailed the decision of the council to unanimously adopt a resolution to protect women in conflict situations. [Full text](#)



**Global Campaign to End Violence Against Women Begins**

May G. Baptista. November 25, 2009.

Washington — As the world commemorates the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women on November 25, the United Nations is kicking off a "16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women" campaign where governments and civil society groups will work to raise awareness about gender violence. [Full text](#)



**Melanne Vermeer is Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues in the Obama Administration.**

**U.S. Department of State.** November 24, 2009.

The President's decision to create a position of Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues is unprecedented, and reflects the elevated importance of these issues to the President and his entire Administration. Ambassador Vermeer coordinates foreign policy issues and activities relating to the political, economic and social advancement of women

around the world. [Full text](#)



**Voices of Power: An Advocate for the World's Women.**

Louis Romana. **Washington Post.** Thursday, November 19, 2009.

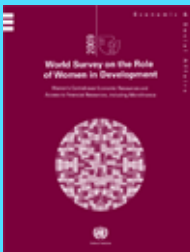
Ambassador Vermeer, a vocal advocate for women for three decades has been particularly focused on the global consequences of violence against women. She affirms that women shouldn't be victims of abuse and should have the right to participate in the political and economic lives of their society. [Full text](#)



**Obama's Call for Educating Women.**

David Gartner. **Brookings Institution.** June 5, 2009.

In a historic Cairo address, President Barack Obama raised the hopes of millions of women around the world by highlighting how educating women can change the economic future of nations and promote equality. "I do believe that a woman who is denied an education is denied equality . . . countries where women are well-educated are far more likely to be prosperous" proclaimed President Obama. [Full text](#)



**2009 World Survey on the Role of Women in Development: Women's Control over Economic Resources and Access to Financial Resources, Including Microfinance.**

This survey report is the flagship publication of the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women. It focuses on selective emerging development themes that impact on the role of women in the economy at the national, regional and international levels. [Full text](#)



**16 Forms of Gender-Based Violence**

From November 25 to December 10, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) joins with other rights organizations worldwide to bring greater attention to violence against women, a pervasive and deeply entrenched human rights violation. The 16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women involves groups all over the world who speak up for support services for survivors, call for greater prevention efforts, press for legal and judicial reform, and use international human rights instruments to address the issue. Read more about the issue and the UN's efforts to combat gender-based violence [here](#).

## **SELECT ORGANIZATIONS DEVOTED TO WOMEN'S ISSUES**

### **League of Women Voters**

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

### **National Council of Women's Organizations (NCWO)**

The NCWO is the leading coalition that makes fighting for women's rights more effective by working together. Every day, NCWO highlights and promotes the diverse work of our more than 200 member organizations representing 11 million women through our list serve, briefings, conferences and policy work.

### **Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice**

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), a component of the U.S. Department of Justice, provides national leadership in developing the nation's capacity to reduce violence against women through the implementation of the [Violence Against Women Act \(VAWA\)](#). OVW administers financial and technical assistance to communities across the country that are developing programs, policies, and practices aimed at ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

### **Stop Violence Against Women – Amnesty International**

Amnesty International is a worldwide movement of people who campaign for internationally recognized human rights for all. Its mission is to conduct research and generate action to prevent and end grave abuses of human rights and to demand justice for those whose rights have been violated.

### **UN Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs**

Grounded in the vision of equality of the United Nations Charter, the Division for the Advancement of Women (DAW) of the UN advocates the empowerment of women worldwide, and the achievement of their equality with men –as equal actors, partners, and beneficiaries of sustainable development, human rights, peace and security. DAW actively works also to advance the global agenda on women's rights, gender equality and to ensure that women's voices are heard in international policy arenas

### **UNiTE to End Violence Against Women**

UNiTE is a multi-year effort aimed at preventing and eliminating violence against women and girls in all parts of the world. UNiTE calls on governments, civil society, women's organizations, young people, the private sector, the media and the entire UN system to join forces in addressing the global pandemic of violence against women and girls.

### **U.S. Department of State. Office of Global Women's Issues.**

The Office of Global Women's Issues led by Ambassador Malanne Verveer works for political, economic and social empowerment of women.

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