

## ***“I Will Not Be Silent”- Elizabeth Warren***

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Inequality between men and women in government positions. Is it fair that women have to suffer when they are being treated differently compared to men? Elizabeth Warren doesn't think so in the occasion when she was shushed on Tuesday February 8, 2017 at the Senate in Washington D.C., Capitol Building. It was a tragic evening for all the women who felt what happened to Elizabeth wasn't fair. Some people think that what happened to Elizabeth wasn't fair because she is a woman and some people think it was because what she was reading shouldn't have been read.

On Tuesday, Elizabeth was in the senate reading Coretta Scott King's letter to debate the nomination of Jeff Sessions to be the attorney general of the United States, the highest law enforcement official of the country, a statement criticizing attorney general nominee Jeff Sessions' record on civil rights. Elizabeth was shushed after she said this "They are mothers, daughters, sisters, fathers, sons, and brothers. They are." and she was shushed by Senator Mitch McConnell. Senator Mitch McConnell shushed Elizabeth Warren because she was invoking rule 19 which states that the senators may not directly or indirectly, by any form of words impute to another Senator or to other Senators any conduct or motive unworthy or unbecoming a Senator. Senator Mitch McConnell Jr. has served as the senior senator from Kentucky since 1985. Mitch McConnell is in favor of the Republican Party while Elizabeth Warren is in favor of the Democratic Party which might be the reason that McConnell decided to shush Elizabeth. Or she could have been shushed because she is a woman.

It has been stated that Elizabeth's male colleagues were able to read from the letter uninterrupted which really upset all the feminists out there because the males were not shushed but the female was. All the women who have been marching for women's rights have now found a new rally for women's rights. Many are questioning on why when Elizabeth was reading Coretta Scott King's letter, which she said applied to the conversation, she is shushed. When Donald Trump says something racist or offensive, he is not shushed or even questioned, even

though he is supposed to act like a responsible person because he is the president of the United States. The only difference between these two people is that one is a male and one is a female. Could that be the big difference on why they are treated differently?

Statistics have shown that there are more males in government positions than there are females. The House of Representatives is made up of 80.6 percent men and 19.4 percent women. The Senate is also made up of 80 percent men and 20 percent women. As you can see, the percentage of women in both the Senate and the House of Representatives is barely half the percentage of men in just the Senate.

There are many rights or wrongs in this situation. Whether you would chose to stand by McConnell or by Warren there are many thing to be learned from both sides. You could learn that sometimes men and women are not that different and most women want to be treated the same as their male counter parts.

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