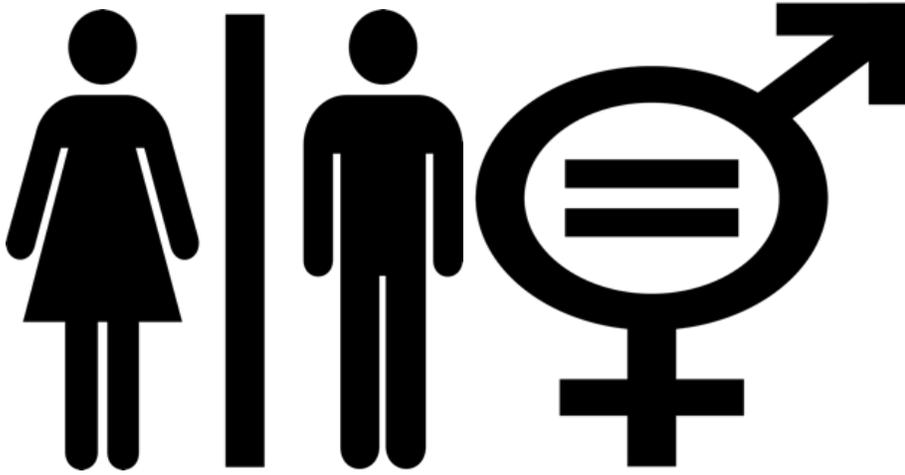


## The Wage Gap Between Genders is Unacceptable

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The gender wage gap is “the difference between the amount of money paid to women and men, often for doing the same work”(dictionary.cambridge.org) Why do women receive the same job title and tasks but earn less?

Many women suffer from the gender wage gap everyday. When people are asked about the wage gap they respond with, “oh I thought that it was resolved a long time ago.” But unfortunately it is still alive in society today.

We interviewed a Yorba Middle School instructor from the after school Sparks Campfire Program on this topic to see what a hard- working women has to say about it.

Q: What are the main causes of the gender wage gap?

A: I actually don't know.

Q: What do you think the wage difference is?

A: I think women make around \$0.70 for every \$1 men make.

In fact, women do actually make around this amount! They make a pitiful \$.79 for every \$1.00 a man makes! This is unbelievable!

Q: “Do you believe that the gender-wage gap is currently alive in society?”

A: “Yes I think it is.”

Q: “Have you ever experienced the gender-wage gap between you and a co-worker?”

A: “Yes, when I worked at a grocery store.”

Q: “Why do you think the gender-wage gap exists?”

A: “Women have always made less or just cooked and cleaned at home. But women struggle more than men, yet they earn less.”

Q: “Do you have any suggestions on how to start solving the gender-wage gap?”

A: “Bosses can do evaluations to see if you deserve a raise.”

Still, why should women have to earn a raise, but men just get more without earning it? It’s because supposedly men work harder even though women have to go through feeling like they don’t do enough at work, just because they make less than men for the same job position.

Women have always been treated like they can’t do anything except stay at home and take care of the household and their children. Women shouldn’t NEED to earn a raise they should just make the same amount from the beginning, it’s just sexist and we don’t understand, do you? Why should women have to work even harder than before just to make an average amount of money? This is why single moms don’t have the money for transportation to and from school, extracurricular activities, new clothing, and they don’t even have enough for groceries! And not to mention rent and other bills. Some don’t even have enough money to support their children, and because of this their children get taken away by the government! It’s hard for single moms to pay for all of these necessities that help take care of their children. Some moms do get help from the government by receiving food stamps but that doesn’t do very much. Yes, it does help but what does it help with? Encouraging the wage gap between men and women? All the government is saying is that they have to help, just because they don’t give enough money to support women and their children!

In the end, many women work just as hard as men and are brave, strong, and intelligent. Women should make no less than a man that holds the same position. Women need to stand up for what they believe in and fight for what’s right!