

WOMEN’S RIGHTS TODAY

As a group, analyze three excerpts from the Declaration of Sentiments. Keep in mind that “he” refers to the general male population of the United States.

First, discuss each grievance with your group, and then discuss to what extent that grievance has been fixed or corrected today. Based on your discussion, circle either “not fixed,” “somewhat fixed,” or “totally fixed” in the space below.

Next, write an explanation providing evidence from the mid-1800s and today that supports your claim. You can use the Women’s Leadership Fact Sheet, the additional resources from the Pew Research Center, and/or your own observations and experiences as evidence.

1. He has never permitted her to exercise her inalienable right to the [vote]. He has [forced] her to submit to laws, in the formation of which she had no voice.

This grievance is... not fixed. | somewhat fixed. | totally fixed.

Evidence and reasoning:

2. He has [taken over] nearly all the profitable employments, and from those she is permitted to follow, she receives but [little pay]. He closes against her all the avenues to wealth and distinction which he considers most honorable to himself. As a teacher of theology, medicine, or law, she is not known.

This grievance is... not fixed. | somewhat fixed. | totally fixed.

Evidence and reasoning:

3. ... He has created a false public [perception] by giving the world a different code of morals for men and women, by which moral [wrongdoings] which exclude women from society, are not only tolerated, but deemed of little account in man...

This grievance is... not fixed. | somewhat fixed. | totally fixed.

Evidence and reasoning: