

FIRST LADY HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON  
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"THE ROAD TO THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE"

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It is my hope that the international women's conference will provide a forum for understanding and cooperation as well as concrete steps that help women achieve their goals. I also hope that women in our country will lend their voices to this discussion as we seek to build a more peaceful, harmonious and prosperous world for our families.

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↳ for ourselves + families

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want strong families, even see,

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It is my sincere hope that the conference ~~in Beijing~~ will provide a forum for dialogue and cooperation that focuses new attention on the aspirations and challenges that women share. I also hope that American women will lend their voices to this discussion as we seek to build a more peaceful, harmonious and prosperous world for our children.

+ an effort to realize our potential

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Over the past two years, I have had the opportunity to meet with and listen to women ~~around the world~~ <sup>in our own country, as well as women from all ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~five~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~other~~ ~~continents~~</sup>. From ~~the~~ ~~conversations I have had and the people I have met, I am convinced that~~ women are as similar as they are different, no matter what country ~~they~~ <sup>we</sup> live in, ~~nor their~~ <sup>our</sup> station in life. Women everywhere are yearning to establish their own identities and are seeking better opportunities for themselves and their children.

Because women share so many similar experiences, we have an exciting opportunity to learn from one another <sup>and</sup> ~~-- from the challenges we face to the advancements we have made.~~ The Conference in Beijing will provide a rare forum for dialogue and cooperation at time when women hold the key to economic growth ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> so many nations: ~~Throughout the world.~~

<sup>Our future</sup>  
~~The future of the world depends on the willingness of every society to invest in its people, especially its women and children. The well-being of families, and therefore of women, is vital to our global economic health. It is my hope that the U.N. World Conference on Women will help demonstrate the fact that issues of concern to women are not marginal, but critical to prosperity and social progress around the world.~~ <sup>in every nation</sup>

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And I am convinced that,

whether we are homemakers, professionals,

government leaders, ~~advocates~~, or advocates,

women

→ Too often, issues of concern to women are dismissed as "soft" or ~~unimportant~~ marginal to economic + social progress. In fact, women hold the key to prosperity around the world.



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This fall, thousands of women from throughout the world will participate in the 4th UN World Conference on Women in Beijing, China. Building on previous world conferences on the environment, population, and social development, ~~it is my hope~~ the conference in Beijing ~~will help give women a stronger voice in today's rapidly changing world, and educate our leaders about issues important to all of us.~~ *has the potential to*

Over the past two years, I have had the opportunity to meet with and listen to women from around the globe. From the conversations I ~~had~~ *have* and the people I met, I ~~came away with the~~ *am convinced* perception that women around the world in many ways are as similar as they are different. ~~No matter what country they live in, or their station in life, women everywhere are defining their own identities, and seeking improved options in life for themselves and their children.~~ *world.* *better opportunities* *and yearning to establish*

~~Because women everywhere share so many similar experiences, we~~ Today women have an exciting opportunity to learn from one another, ~~from the challenges we face, to the tremendous advancements we have made. The Conference in Beijing will provide a rare forum for dialogue and cooperation as representatives craft an agenda for the prosperity and hope of women in countries all over the globe.~~ *at a time when women hold the key to economic prosperity + social progress*

The future of ~~the~~ *our* world depends on every nation's willingness to invest in its people, especially its women and children. The well-being of families, and therefore of women, is vital to our global economic health. I hope by coming together for the World Conference on Women we can try to educate those who continue to think women's issues are tangential to the future of the world's economy. *almost every nation.*

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