

The Security Council: Topic B Primary Sources

Women in Security

Here are the primary sources that your moderator or legal chair thought would be helpful in gaining an understanding of the topic. These are by no means all of the sources available, just sources we wanted to highlight.

Source #1: Women in International Security Publications

The Women in International Security publications offer many examples and explanations of women insecurity around the world. These publications discuss and array of issues such as threats by extremist groups and gender-based violence in refugee camps. The publications also state what organizations have done in the past to combat security issues faced by women. Currently, the organization is working on removing obstacles from participating in politics for women.

<https://www.wiisglobal.org/publications/>

Source #2: Women, Peace, and Security Index

This index offers a comprehensive measure of women's security on a global scale. It ranks nations based on the wellbeing and empowerment of women in their communities. One can look at data from each individual country including percentage of women employed and the average years of schooling women go through. This source is important because it shows high risk areas for women and how much each country prioritizes the security of women.

<http://giwps.georgetown.edu/the-index/>

Source #3: Facts and Figures: Economic Empowerment

This article comes directly from UN Women focuses on the economic advantages of empowering women and having them in the workforce. This article highlights how the economic empowerment of women can not only make women more financially secure but also how it can move the globe towards sustainable development. This article also has a section focusing on women migrant workers and the struggles they face.

www.unwomen.org/en/what-we-do/economic-empowerment/facts-and-figures

Source #4: Understanding LGBT Realities

This article, directly from the United Nations, conveys the reality that in most countries LGBTQ rights are "non-existent". This article discusses that it is even difficult for policies to be made more of criminalization and discrimination of LGBTQ individuals. A UN independent expert states, "Policymakers are taking decisions in the dark, left only with personal preconceptions and prejudices" when talking about policymaking for LGBTQ rights. This source is extremely important because it shows the complex barriers preventing equality for the LGBTQ community.

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/06/1040381>

Source #5: Conflict Related Sexual Violence

This annual UN report states the various sexual oriented violence that occurred throughout 2018. It also provides strategies to eliminate violence against women during conflict. It also discusses sexual violence against women as an act of terrorism and what has been done to combat it in 2018. This source is important because it shows the most recent conflicts involving violence against women and the strategies used to combat this violence. It also discusses what strategies worked and which did not.

<https://www.un.org/sexualviolenceinconflict/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/report/s-2019-280/Annual-report-2018.pdf>

Source #6: Women in Peacekeeping

This article is about the United Nations Security Council meeting with the United Nations Gender Equality Chief on the “systematic failure” of incorporating women into peacekeeping. It explains how having women in security positions increasing women’s security globally because it not only increases equality but because it also promotes the empowerment of women. This article shows the significant gap between the number of men and women peacekeepers and how the Security Council responded to those issues. This is important because the United Nations is addressing gender equality and women’s security within their own institution.

<https://www.un.org/press/en/2018/sc13554.doc.htm>