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# Gender equality and civil rights in ancient Egypt

First abstract

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In this presentation I want to talk about Gender equality and civil rights in the ancient Egyptian civilization, the reason behind choosing this topic is that even though we are living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century women are still do not enjoy equal chances as men does, on so many levels, women come as a second choice, whether politically, socially, legally, in labor and business field and even at home. And by looking briefly through the ancient Egyptian history we can find that women enjoyed a great deal of equality in all those aspects, creating a strong healthy society that survived for thousands of years. So let's take a look on how women enjoyed this political, social, legal and financial equality in ancient Egypt.

According to (Zahi Hawas,2010) out of the 170 recorded kings of the ancient Egypt, more than 50 of them were female queens, and not just that, female queens in Egypt were really powerful and successful, a noticeable example would be queen Hatshepsut whom revived the economy of Egypt after a very long period of recession and initiated a trade line that linked all the countries of the Nile valley together. Egyptian queens were even worshiped as gods and had their own temples. Socially, according to (Ancient Egypt, Jacaranda History Alive 7 Victorian Curriculum,2014) many ancient scripts were found proving that women were completely independent of men, they could trade, witness in courts and become judges and even had the right to divorce their husbands if they didn't feel comfortable with them. According to the same source as well, woman could handle most of the jobs available at that time and get paid as much as men were paid, ironically, we still have a wide wages gap between men and women for doing the same job even at Europe and America.

As a conclusion, until the moment men and women share the same the same rights and responsibilities, not more and not less, half of the human population is dissatisfied and becomes unable to work and give back to the community they live in properly as they should, giving back weaker less sustainable less diverse society. And if a 6000 thousand years old nation could do it like this and survive for this long, then it's about time for us to do the same.