THE GENDER WAGE GAP: & HOW NOT TO GET STUCK IN IT

What You'll Learn



- 1. Why does the gender wage gap matter?
- 2. What causes it?
- 3. What can I do about it on a political level?
- 4. How can I avoid it on a personal level?

Measuring the Gender Wage Gap



□ The size of this gap hasn't changed in a decade!

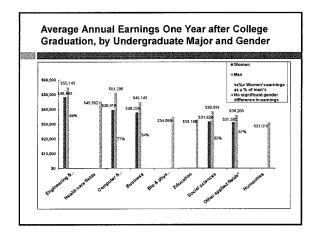
Persistence of Pay Gap

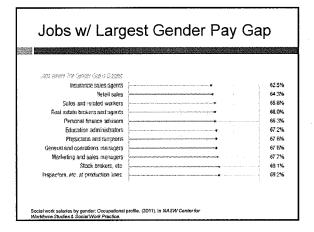
Women as caretakers at home
Women more likely to be in lower wags professions
(Admin & Office support)
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Gender Discrimination in Workplace

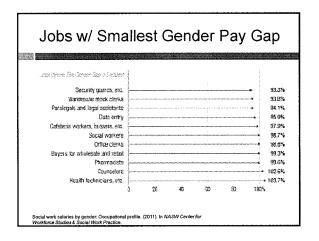
Educational Choices Affect Wage Gap

- Women bachelor's degree recipients working full-time year-round earn 82% of what their male counterparts earn within just one year of graduating
- □ Female dominated areas of study often have lower pay than male dominated fields

Arts, Humanities, Education, Health & Technology Welfare **Women Men **Women Men **Men







The "Mommy Penalty" Mothers, More than Fathers, Experience Career Daterruptions Moms with one child earn 7% less than women without children. A woman with 2+ children earns 14% less than a woman without children. A woman with 2+ children earns 14% less than a woman without children. Taken a significant for the without shall be seen to be seen than a woman without children. Taken a significant for the without shall be seen to be seen to be seen than a woman without children. Taken a significant for the without shall be seen to be seen to

Women & Social Security

Because women are paid less than men when they work, &

Often work fewer hours for some years,

They receive smaller Social Security benefits when they retire.



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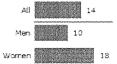
- 18% of women and 10% of men say they have been discriminated against at work
 because of their gooder.
- because of their gender

 Some 46% of women who say they have experienced gender discrimination in the workplace say it has hurt their career, including 35% who say it has
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 37% of men who say they have experienced gender discrimination and say it has had a negative impact on their career, including 23% who say the impact has been large.

The Demographics of Gender Discrimination

% saying they have been discriminated against at work because of their gender



http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/2013/12/11/on-pay-gap-millennial-women-near-parity-for-now/

Race and the Gender Pay Gap

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The Gender Pay Gap in San Francisco

- □ For Full-time employed people
 - Women: \$52,301 ■ Men: \$62,269
- This means that women in the San Francisco area are paid 84 cents for every dollar paid to men in the area, amounting to a yearly gap of \$9,968 between men and women who work full time.
- As a group, women who are employed full time in the San Francisco area lose approximately

US Ca\$6,000,397,088 each year due to the wage gap. http://factfinder.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jst/pages/productview.shtml?pid=ACS_11_1YR_8200178prodType=table

What Can You Do To Create Change?

- Educate Yourself on the Gender Pay Gap
 - http://www.dol.gov/equalpay/
 - http://www.pewresearch.org
 - http://www.bls.gov/bls/blswage.htm

Stand Up for Pay Equity

Tell Congress to support the "Paycheck Fairness Act".

- Update "Equal Pay Act of 1963"
 - requiring employers to demonstrate that wage differentials are based on factors other than sex
 - permitting reasonable comparisons between employees within clearly defined geographical areas to determine fair wages
 - Create negotiation skills programs for women and girls

Avoiding the Pay Gap on a Personal Level

- Consider long-term financial implications of career & family choices you make
- Seek out union jobs, which typically offer better pay & benefits
- Develop negotiation skills to ask for higher pay & other resources



