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I believe that a woman should be President of the United States of America in my life for several reasons. The most important reason is that women are as, or more, capable than men to do this job. The stereotype is that women are weak and emotional, but women are very strong and face adversity with courage and strength. I am told that one of the most difficult things is to carry and give birth to a child and only women do that. Women also have the ability to multi-task otherwise they could not be a parent. Women often have the fulltime job of raising a family and full time employment in the work force. Women have demonstrated they have skills equal to, or better than, men in many fields. I believe that women also know how to work together better with people, taking the time to listen and hear different views. I think men get competitive and let their egos get in the way. Look at how Washington has run lately with no one getting along and shutting down the government when they don't agree with each other. Really sickening. I also think that women look at all sides of the problem and consider the emotional parts too which is important. I don't mean make emotional decisions, but do consider that emotions are something to consider when solving a problem.



Another reason is that we are not well represented even though we are a very important part of our country and culture. At this time we represent just over half of the population of the US and we represent just under half of the workforce in the US. Based on these figures we do not have adequate representation in our government, let alone in the office of the President. We fought against the British because we had taxation without representation, and today we don't have women having a voice in the issues that matter to us. We don't make the same wage as a man and that is simply not fair. If we had a woman President I think she would work on this issue and others that matter to women.

Finally, it is way overdue. We gained the right to vote in 1920 and in almost 100 years we have not had a woman elected President of the US. Many nations have had women leaders. The US is far behind the times as Sri Lanka had a woman Prime Minister in 1960 and Argentina had a woman elevated President in 1974. Today 22 other countries have women leaders including Trinidad and Tobago, Bangladesh, and Central African Republic. These countries are not considered as developed and powerful as the US, but are more advanced than the US when it comes to giving women the opportunity to lead. That is almost embarrassing when you think about it. Germany is an important and powerful country lead by a strong woman so I think we could have the same in the US.

Finally the most important reason is that the best person for the job should have the opportunity to do the job. It should not matter what your race, religion or sex. President Obama broke the race barrier with his election and now it is time for the sex barrier to come down. Our Founding Fathers wrote of all being equal, and until we have a woman President I don't think that vision will be fully realized.