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Insights on Equality for Women

LASTING BENEFITS OF RUNNING FOR OFFICE



*Left: Women candidates for the U.S. Senate who helped make 1992 "The Year of the Woman."
Right: Lynn Yeakel speaks at the 1992 Democratic National Convention at Madison Square Garden.*



This year marks the 25th anniversary of "The Year of the Woman," when a record number of women, including me, ran for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Now, a quarter of a century later, women's interest in public office is increasing once again.

My personal experience as a U.S. Senate candidate 25 years ago changed my life in many ways. Although I narrowly lost the general election and was not one of those 28 new women in Congress in 1992, everything I've done since has benefited from that unforgettable adventure.

[Read my five reasons encouraging women to run for office.](#)

Vision 2020 News

FOUR NEW DELEGATES JOIN VISION 2020

WELCOME

In the last month, Vision 2020 has brought on four new Delegates from around the country. Please join us in extending a warm welcome to the newest members of the Vision 2020 family:

- Nikki Fisher in Oregon
- Lea Ann King in Indiana
- Barbara Poremba in Massachusetts
- Maddie Stewart in Florida

We look forward to working with each of you to advance our shared leadership, economic security, youth education and civic engagement goals!

IN SEARCH OF A FEW (MORE) GOOD MEN



We were recently asked if Vision 2020 is women-only. While we are a women's equality initiative and the majority of our passionate members are women, we have always had men involved.

Three outstanding men currently serve on Vision 2020's National Leadership Circle: Bill Glick, Sid Rosenblatt and Mark Steinman. They are important partners in the pursuit of gender equality.

Mark recently shared his thoughts on why it is important for men to be actively involved in the fight for gender equality.

[Read Mark's reasons for participating in Vision 2020.](#)

We want to involve more men like Mark, Bill and Sid in Vision 2020 efforts – either as Delegates, in Allied Organizations, or as volunteers on one of our committees.

So our request to you, our friends and followers, is to spread the word that we are always looking for more participation and collaboration with leaders who share the commitment to equality and shared leadership among women and men. If you know someone, [have her or him email us!](#)

THIS FATHER'S DAY, GIVE THE GIFT OF GENDER EQUALITY

Father's Day is this Sunday, June 18.

Honor the dads in your life with an investment in gender equality -- a gift that contributes to a future where their daughters and nieces will have unprecedented opportunity!

[Make a gift to Vision 2020 in his name for just \\$20.20.](#)

Contributions will support our initiatives advancing shared leadership among women and men.

Questions about making a donation? [Email us!](#)



People in the News

MASSACHUSETTS DELEGATE'S WORDS OF WISDOM FOR THE CLASS OF 2017



'Tis the season for commencement speeches.

In the spirit of offering advice to the newest group of young people to enter the "real world," [Lauren Rikleen](#), a Vision 2020 National Delegate in Massachusetts, wrote an article that ran in *Fortune*. In it, she shares two pieces of wisdom with the graduating class of 2017:

1. Avoid gossip in the workplace.
2. Be wary of advice.

Read the full article here: [Why Most Advice for College Grads Won't Help](#).

WOMEN'S LAW PROJECT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HONORED FOR ADVANCING WOMEN'S PROGRESS

Carol Tracy, the Executive Director of the [Women's Law Project](#), a Vision 2020 Regional Ally, is the 2017 recipient of the Philadelphia Bar Association's Sandra Day O'Connor Award.



The Sandra Day O'Connor Award is presented annually to a female attorney who has demonstrated superior legal talent, achieved significant legal accomplishments, and furthered the advancement of women in both the profession and the community.

Congratulations on a well-deserved honor, Carol!

[Click here to read more.](#)

Ally News

VOTERUNLEAD KICKS OFF NATIONWIDE POLITICAL TRAINING TOUR



VoterRunLead, a Vision 2020 National Ally, is taking its [Run As You Are](#) training program

on the road to 10 cities.

VoteRunLead's *Run As You Are* tour began on June 9. Over the next six months, it will make stops in NYC, Detroit, Chicago, D.C., Providence, Columbus, Atlanta, Minneapolis, Miami and Albuquerque.

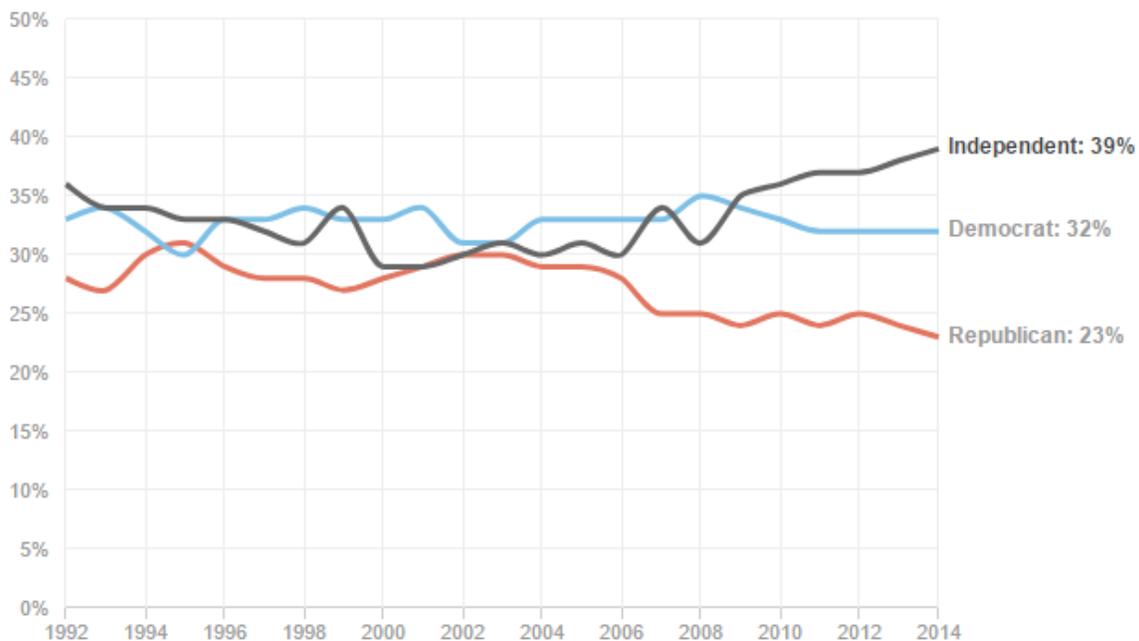
If your city is not already on VoteRunLead's schedule, you can reach out to them to [request a training in your area](#).

Or sign up for a virtual event; the first of [three webinars](#) takes place this Saturday, June 17.

COMMITTEE OF SEVENTY MAKES CASE FOR OPEN PRIMARIES

The Rise Of Unaffiliated Voters

Increasingly, voters are refusing to pick a party, choosing instead to remain independent.



Source: [Pew Research Center](#)

Credit: [Danielle Kurtzleben/NPR](#)

In Philadelphia, the number of independent and third-party voters has increased by 150 percent in the last 20 years – part of a nationwide trend of [voters increasingly identifying as independent](#).

In an op-ed to *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, Chris Satullo of the [Committee of Seventy](#) – a Vision 2020 Regional Ally – makes the case for a primary voting system that includes this growing group of independents. He states that Pennsylvania, as well as nine other states, is "stuck in the electoral dark ages" by having closed primaries.

Closed primaries can contribute to issues like low voter turnout. The alternatives are mixed primaries, in which independents can choose in which primary to vote, or fully open primaries, in which all parties' candidates are on the ballot and any registered voter can take part.

[Click here to read the full article.](#)

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RUGBY: THE MOST PROGRESSIVE SPORT?

United World Sports recently announced that it will launch a new North American Super 7's Rugby League in 2018, with [equal pay for both the men's and women's professional teams](#) – a move that Eileen McDonnell, Chairman and CEO at The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, calls "groundbreaking for sports."



Penn Mutual is a title sponsor of the Collegiate Rugby Championship. In addition to supporting rugby, Penn Mutual also supports Vision 2020 as a Two Star Partner in our Shared Leadership campaign. We are proud to work with a company that exemplifies the power of shared leadership.

Empowering Photo of the Month

Have an empowering photo to share? Submit it to vision2020@drexelmed.edu to be included in one of our future newsletters.

A WONDER AT THE BOX OFFICE



Gal Gadot, who stars in the blockbuster "Wonder Woman,"

[filmed re-shoots while five months pregnant.](#)

The debut of "Wonder Woman" earlier this month shattered predictions and sent a clear message to Hollywood executives: superhero movies with female leads can do just as well as (if not better than) those with a male protagonist.

"Wonder Woman" had the best U.S. opening weekend for a woman director ever. And after continuing to draw steady crowds of men, women and children in its second weekend at the box office, it has proven to have more staying power than any recent superhero movie.

What's more? This list of [kindergarteners' reactions to the film.](#)

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