

“Excuse me nurse.”
“No, I’m the doctor.” she said.

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Women make up only 33% of the United States lawyers and doctors. Why is it not 50/50? Many more men than women have high paying jobs. Inequality in the work place is still a major issue and is due to the prevalent gender stereotypes.

For centuries men and women have been assigned different roles in society. Nowadays these prejudices have made an impact on the different jobs available for men and women. Men are perceived as stronger and in consequence they should be police or fire fighters. On the other hand women are seen as caring and gentle and that they should be nurses and teachers.

These harmful stereotypes are restricting the lives of many. Making the population believe that women are not intelligent enough to be government leaders and that men are incapable of the compassion needed to be a nurse. Only 22% of women work in politics and only 5.8% of nurses are male.

Men are often if not always assumed to be doctors in a medical facility. While women in a medical facility are always thought to be nurses. It is a complaint amongst female doctors is that they are often referred to as nurses. Male nurses are often thought as rougher and not as gentle as female nurse. In a supposedly equal society why do we think these things.

How many male elementary school teachers did you have? Thats right little to none only 18.2% of elementary teachers are male. However male are still very capable at teaching young students. The opposite is true of women only 38% of secondary teachers are female while the majority of secondary teachers are male. Why is this? Women are just as intelligent as men they can teach secondary students.

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If male and female employment stereotypes are abolished we will be truly equal. That will be true equality. Men and women are both intelligent and strong and should have the choice to do as they please. “A gender-equal society would be one where the word 'gender' does not exist: where everyone can be themselves.”