



Gender Gap Shaped Election 2000

By Jennifer Jackman

Women Win Electoral Votes for Gore

The gender gap – the measurable difference in the way women and men vote for candidates and in the way they view their political issues – proved crucial in presidential, congressional, and statewide races. Overall, Gore enjoyed a 12-point gender gap in the nationwide Voter News Service exit polling, with 54 percent of women voting for Gore but only 42 percent of men.

“Women’s votes are the reason Vice President Gore won the popular vote. If only women had voted, Gore would

have had a landslide victory,” said Feminist Majority Foundation President Eleanor Smeal, the first political analyst to identify the gender gap as a political phenomenon in 1980.

In 16 of the states in which Gore won the electoral votes, he won only because of the gender gap and the votes of women. In these states, he had the support of the majority of women voters, but did not have majority support among men. (See Chart A.) The largest gender gap was in the Delaware race in which Gore won 64 percent of women’s votes, compared with 44 percent of men’s. In only Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York and the District of Columbia, where Gore also enjoyed

large gender gaps, did the majority of both women and men vote for Gore. The Florida exit poll also reveals an 11-point gender gap that could provide the margin of victory for Gore.

The impact of the gender gap on election outcomes is especially significant since women are registered to vote and turnout to vote in greater numbers than men. In 2000, women comprised 52 percent of the electorate and men only 48 percent. The gender gap is fueled by issues such as gun control, abortion rights, women’s rights, and human services.

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Back to School Campaign

By Mary Hood and Norma Gattsek

As part of the Feminist Majority Foundation’s newly launched Back to School Campaign, students across the United States have started off their academic year by taking action to support the thousands of Afghan women and girls who continue to be banned from education. With the support from community groups and individuals, these efforts are increasing public awareness and making the human rights of Afghan women and girls an important issue in schools nationwide.

Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation, joined by Mavis Leno, chair of the Campaign to Stop Gender Apartheid, and Feminist Majority Foundation Afghan Women’s Scholarship Program recipient Frayba Wakili, announced the launch of the Back to School Campaign at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. on August 24, 2000.

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FMF President Eleanor Smeal (right) and Director of Policy and Research Jennifer Jackman, Ph.D. (left) open champagne as they celebrate with FMF Board Chair Peg Yorkin via speakerphone from South Africa on the FDA’s September 28 approval of mifepristone.

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FMF Board Chair Peg Yorkin and FMF Founding Board Member Dolores Huerta at an LA event to Stop Gender Apartheid in Afghanistan prior to Huerta's illness.

Feminist Majority Foundation Co-Founder Huerta Critical, Condition Improves

Dolores C. Huerta, 70, one of the founding board members of the Feminist Majority Foundation and co-founder of the United Farm Workers was in critical condition after emergency surgery repaired a rare opening of the aortic artery above her intestines. After surgery, Huerta was in intensive care for nearly two weeks. As we write, she is out of intensive care and her condition is slowly improving daily.

Huerta, a pioneer of the Latina, labor and women's movements, joined Cesar Chavez in 1962 to form the National Farm Workers Association, which became the United Farm Workers union. She served as the union's secretary-treasurer until 2000, when she stepped down to devote her time to other issues, including supporting Vice President Al Gore's campaign for the presidency. For more information about Huerta's involvement in the Farm Workers Movement and Feminist Majority Foundation, visit www.ufw.org and www.feminist.org.

Women Candidates Prevail

Five women hold state governorships – the largest number in history. In the New Hampshire governor's race, pro-choice incumbent Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) beat Gordon Humphrey (R-NH); in Delaware, pro-choice Ruth Ann Minner (D-DE) beat John Buris (R-DE); and in Montana, Judy Martz (R-MT) will be the next governor. These three women join Governor Jane Dee Hull (R-AZ) and Governor Christine Todd Whitman (R-NJ) to make up the largest number of women in governors' offices in history.

With several races still too close to call, women have already gained three new pro-choice, feminist Representatives in the House: Hilda Solis (D-CA), Jane Harman (D-CA), and Susan Davis (D-CA). In Florida, feminist Elaine Bloom (D-FL) is in a race against anti-choice Rep. Clay Shaw (R-FL) that is still too close to call. As we go to press, 59 women – 13.5 percent – will serve in the U.S. House of Representatives.

In other state news, Barbara Hafer (R-PA), a pro-choice Republican edged out her opponent, Catherine Baker Knoll (D-PA), an anti-choice Democrat, in the race for the state treasurer of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Laura Cancelled in Philadelphia

Radio personality Dr. Laura Schlessinger's television show has suffered from poor ratings and the pullout of advertisers. Ever since Paramount announced that it would carry her television show, Dr. Laura has been the focus of protests because of her on-air radio statements that lesbians and gays are "deviants" and "a biological error." A CBS affiliate in Philadelphia stopped airing the show on November 10. Other CBS affiliates had announced earlier that they would move the show to the post-1 a.m. time slot in crucial television markets like New York, Los Angeles and Chicago.

California Supreme Court Strikes Affirmative Action

The California Supreme Court struck down a program by the City of San Jose that required companies awarded contracts by the city to show they made an effort to recruit women and minority-owned businesses as sub-contractors. In its first ruling on Prop 209 – the highly contested initiative passed by California voters in 1996 – the court's decision prohibits "targeted outreach programs" directed exclusively at women and minorities.

Women Athletes Triumph

For the first time in history, women were 42 percent of the 10,500 athletes competing in the 2000 Olympic Games in Sidney, Australia. In the 2000 Olympics, women were finally allowed to compete in the previously "male-only" sports such as weight-lifting and pole vault. As a result, women competed in the same number of team sports as men. Of the 39 world records that were broken at the Sydney Olympics, 23 were shattered by women athletes. American women won 43 percent of the medals awarded to US athletes – 39 of the 97 medals.

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Congressional Roundup

Feminist Victories in 106th Congress

In the final weeks of the 106th Congress, the Feminist Majority helped win passage of two landmark pieces of legislation – the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and the Trafficking Victims Protection Act.

VAWA reauthorization provides over \$3 billion over five years in funds to battle domestic violence and sexual assault. VAWA funds battered women's shelters, special police sex crimes units and a national domestic violence hotline. The new bill expands the services and resources that were provided under the 1994 Violence Against Women Act.

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act provides new penalties for international traffickers of women and children, establishes minimum standards for countries to meet in the elimination of trafficking, and provides assistance for trafficking victims.

While VAWA had overwhelming bi-partisan support in both the House and the Senate, the Feminist Majority, along with the NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, National Organization for Women, domestic violence organiza-

tions, National Council of Jewish Women, and our allies in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives had to work tirelessly to overcome the opposition of Republican leaders to bringing the bill up for floor votes. We held press conferences on both House and Senate sides, met with Republican leaders to demand the scheduling of floor votes, stayed in close communication with key members of Congress, and mobilized our grassroots supporters.

The Feminist Majority urged that VAWA be voted on as either a free-standing bill or as an amendment to the Trafficking Victims Protection Act, rather than accepting Republican efforts to put VAWA as a "sweetener" on the Bankruptcy Act that President Clinton had planned to veto and which would have been detrimental to women.

Just when we thought it was impossible for Republican leaders to avoid floor votes, they attached a number of controversial amendments to the combined sex trafficking and violence against women legislation. Despite these obstacles, Representatives John Conyers (D-MI), Sheila Jackson-Lee (D-TX), and

Connie Morella (R-MD) and Senators Joseph Biden (D-Delaware), Paul Wellstone (D-Minnesota), Barbara Boxer (D-California), and Harry Reid (D-Nevada) and our other supporters in both the House and the Senate held firm. When VAWA finally reached the floor of both houses of Congress, as a part of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act Conference Report, it passed 371-1 in the House and 95-0 in the Senate.

The right-wing Eagle Forum and Concerned Women of America had lobbied

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FMF President Eleanor Smeal with Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE), who authored the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), following hard-fought October passage of legislation reauthorizing VAWA.

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AFGHAN WOMEN

Urge the U.S. government to use all possible channels to restore women's rights to work, education, mobility and physical safety in Afghanistan, to continue not to recognize the Taliban, and to increase humanitarian assistance to women and girls living in Afghanistan and those living as refugees outside of the country. Write to President Clinton at the White House, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20500, contact your members of Congress through the U.S. Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121, or send a message from www.feminist.org.

NIH FUNDING FOR MIFEPRISTONE RESEARCH

Urge the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to fund mifepristone trials on some of the drug's non-abortion indications such as fibroid tumors, ovarian cancer, meningioma, contraception, and endometriosis. NIH is the largest funder of medical research in the world.

With the recent U.S. Food and Drug Administration approval of mifepristone in September, FMF launched an emergency campaign to call upon the National Institutes of Health to fund mifepristone trials on some of the drug's non-abortion indications. Over a decade of promising medical research on mifepristone has been lost to anti-abortion politics. For the sake of women's health, we believe NIH must help make up for these delays. Write to the Acting Director of NIH, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892, or send a message from www.feminist.org.

RATIFY CEDAW

The U.S. is one of only 25 countries that have not yet ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), which is the first convention to comprehensively address women's rights within political, cultural, economic, social and family life. Urge your U.S. Senator(s) and members of the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to ratify CEDAW. To reach your Senators and the Committee on Foreign Relations call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at (202) 224-3121 or send a message from www.feminist.org.

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Gender Gap Elects Democratic Senators

The gender gap also was responsible for Democratic Congressional victories. All 5 of the U.S. Senate races in which Democrats picked up seats were the result of women's votes. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) won with a 10-point gender gap, Bill Nelson (D-FL) with an 11-point gender gap, Tom Carper (D-DE) with a 12-point gender gap, Mark Dayton (D-MN) with a 9-point gender gap, and Mel Carnahan (D-MO) with a 6-point gender gap. In all of these races, women's votes were the deciding factor. Gender gaps were also decisive in the election of John Corzine (13-point gender gap) and Hillary Rodham Clinton (11-point gender gap). (See Chart B.)

Women voters also disproportionately supported Democratic House candidates, with 53 percent of women and only 44 percent of men voting Democratic.

Gender Gap Key Regardless of Age, Race, Marital Status and Education

Women voters favored Gore in all major demographic categories. (See Chart C.) The largest gender gaps were between unmarried women and men and college-educated women and men.

Unmarried women were among Gore's strongest supporters. Gore won 63 percent of the votes of unmarried women, and only 48 percent of the votes of unmarried men – for a 15-point gender gap. Unmarried women comprise an increasingly significant one-fifth of the electorate.

Among college graduates, 57 percent of women and 39 percent of men supported Gore, producing the largest – a whopping 18-point gender gap. On the education variable, Gore's support among women without high school diplomas was even slightly higher at 60 percent. The gender gap, however, was

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Chart A: Gender Gaps in Gore States

	Women	Men	Gender Gap for Gore
Decisive Gender Gap			
California	58%	47%	11-pt.
Connecticut	62%	48%	14-pt.
Delaware	64%	44%	20-pt.
Hawaii	62%	50%	12-pt.
Illinois	57%	50%	7-pt.
Iowa	53%	43%	10-pt.
Maine	55%	42%	13-pt.
Maryland	65%	47%	18-pt.
Michigan	56%	45%	11-pt.
Minnesota	52%	43%	9-pt.
New Jersey	62%	49%	13-pt.
Oregon	54%	40%	14-pt.
Pennsylvania	58%	43%	15-pt.
Vermont	56%	45%	11-pt.
Washington	55%	43%	12-pt.
Wisconsin	54%	40%	14-pt.
Influential Gender Gap			
Massachusetts	67%	52%	15-pt.
New York	65%	53%	12-pt.
Rhode Island	67%	54%	13-pt.
Possibly Decisive Gender Gap			
Florida*	54%	43%	11-pt.
New Mexico*	54%	44%	10-pt.

Chart B: Gender Gaps in Key U.S. Senate Races

	Women	Men	Gender Gap
Decisive Gender Gap			
Carper (D-DE)	61%	49%	12-pt.
Nelson (D-FL)	57%	46%	11-pt.
Stabenow (D-MI)	54%	44%	10-pt.
Dayton (D-MN)	53%	44%	9-pt.
Carnahan (D-MO)	53%	47%	6-pt.
Corzine (D-NJ)	56%	43%	13-pt.
Clinton (D-NY)	60%	49%	11-pt.
Influential Gender Gap			
Miller (D-GA)	64%	51%	13-pt.
Feinstein (D-CA)	65%	51%	14-pt.
Possibly Decisive Gender Gap			
Cantwell (D-WA)*	54%	44%	10-pt.

DATA SOURCE: VOTER NEWS SERVICE, CNN.COM

*At the time of publication, outcomes in the presidential election in Florida and New Mexico and the U.S. Senate election in Washington State were too close to call.

Women's Election Watch 2000

"W for Women" Fails

By Jennifer Jackman

The Bush campaign failed in its efforts to mute the impact of gender gap issues such as abortion rights and gun control in the presidential campaign.

Concerned about the power of women voters, Republicans tried to hide Bush's opposition to women's rights issues, specifically abortion rights, and to appeal to women on the basis of his "compassionate conservatism."

But FDA approval of mifepristone made the abortion issue more difficult to avoid. Before RU 486 was approved, Bush had stated that he as President would take actions to oppose the medication's availability. But, during the October 2nd debate – four days after the drug's approval and where he faced Vice President Al Gore who strongly favored abortion rights and women's access to RU 486 – Bush said that he did not think that the President would have the power to stop the drug from being made available. A few days later his campaign tried to clarify the issue saying that Bush would sign into law Congressional legislation placing restrictions on RU 486 distribution.

The Bush campaign also tried to confuse women voters with a "W for Women" tour, featuring former First Lady Barbara Bush.

Ultimately, however, Bush could not hide from the gender gap. In state after state and demographic subgroup after demographic subgroup, the majority of women rejected Bush. Overall, 10 percent fewer women than men voted for Bush. In every single state – with the exception of North Dakota – far fewer women than men supported Bush.

Despite the failure of the Democratic Party to feature gender gap issues in their campaign, many women voters understood the differences between the two candidates and voted accordingly. ■



U.S. Representative Maxine Waters rallies a crowd of pro-choice supporters prior to the election.

Abortion, Lesbian/Gay Rights Ballot Measure Scorecard

By Nikki DeBlosi

Ballot measures across the country in Election 2000 brought mixed results for feminists, including a Colorado victory for abortion rights, an Oregon win for lesbian and gay rights, and lesbian/gay rights losses in Maine, Nebraska, and Nevada.

Colorado voters rejected anti-abortion Amendment 25. Amendment 25, misleadingly dubbed the "Women's Health Information Act," would have established a mandatory 24-hour waiting period for all abortions. Moreover it would have required the state to produce and provide to doctors specific information offered to women seeking abortions that outlines "risks" associated with abortion and "what a fetus might feel." It was the only anti-abortion ballot measure in the U.S. this year.

Oregon voters rejected Measure 9, the so-called Student Protection Act, by a vote of 53 to 47. Measure 9 would have prohibited "school instruction encouraging, promoting, or sanctioning homosexual, bisexual behaviors." Elementary schools, secondary schools, and community colleges that did not comply would have faced the loss of all or part of their state funding. The measure's defeat marks an important lesbian and gay rights victory, and is the third time an anti-gay measure has been defeated in Oregon.

Lesbian and gay rights groups suffered defeats in Maine, Nebraska, and Nevada. In Maine, Measure 6 would have prohibited discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing, public accommodations and credit. It was defeated 51 to 49, with a 21-point gender gap – 59 percent of women, compared to only 38 percent of men, were in favor of the LGBT rights measure. Both Nebraska and Nevada amended their state constitutions to specify that only marriage between a man and a woman will be recognized. Nevada's Question 2 passed 70 to 30. Nebraska's Measure 416 passed 71 to 29 with a gender gap – 7 percent fewer women voted to ban lesbian/gay marriage. Measure 416 included an additional provision stating that any form of same-sex relationships will not be recognized by the state.

In Vermont, Governor Howard Dean solidly won re-election despite a right-wing backlash campaign against him for his support of lesbian and gay civil unions. Vermont is the only state in the union that recognizes lesbian and gay civil unions.

Other ballot measures across the country brought progressive victories. For example, voters in California and Michigan rejected referenda on vouchers for private schools. And in Alabama, voters lifted a near century-old unenforceable ban on interracial marriage. ■

Choices Campaign Mobilizing Students Nationwide

By Sarah Boonin

We are extremely proud to report that our Campus Leadership Program is achieving new levels of success this year. Since the program's inception just three years ago, we have reached 288 campuses with the *Choices* campaign through extensive field travel, regular office communication, and issue-based and leadership training for college students nationwide. We have reached an additional 142 campuses through our online *Choices* CampusCommunity—www.feministcampus.org.

This semester, students participating in the *Choices* campaign and Feminist Majority Leadership Alliances have been engaged in important and effective organizing at the local and national level, spreading a pro-choice and pro-feminist message. For example, our campus program led the largest national student delegation at the World March for Women in Washington, D.C., on October 15th. At the campus level, the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance at the University of Chicago held a debate with their campus anti-choice group; Portland

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against VAWA, claiming that it is “anti-family.” President Clinton invited Feminist Majority, NOW LDEF, NOW, National Coalition of Women Against Domestic Violence, and National Council of Jewish Women leaders to the oval office to watch his weekly radio broadcast praising the passage of VAWA II.

Another feminist victory in the 106th Congress was the first-ever defeat of the “Coburn Amendment,” a proposed amendment by Representative Thomas Coburn (R-OK) to the House Agricultural Appropriations Bill that would have prohibited the FDA from approving mifepristone or other medications that induce abortion. With women members of Congress and abortion rights groups lead-

Community College and Kutztown University groups successfully exposed fake abortion clinics near their college campuses; and Miami University of Ohio and the University of North Texas both organized campus protests against the Center for Bioethical Reform and their graphically anti-choice “Genocide Awareness Program.” As we go to press, students are gearing up to lead their college campuses in celebration of the anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* on January 22nd.

Since the program's inception just three years ago, we have reached 288 campuses

These are only a few examples of the groundbreaking work that students are initiating through our innovative campus program. To find out how to participate in or offer support to a Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance or affiliate group near you, please contact a member of FMF's Campus Team at 1-866-444-FMLA or get involved online at www.feministcampus.org. ■

ing the fight against the Coburn Amendment, the measure was defeated by a vote of 187-182. Similar measures won House passage in 1998 by 223 to 202 and in 1999 by a narrower margin of 214-214. Defeat of the Coburn Amendment this summer was especially significant since it occurred as the FDA was in its final stage of evaluating mifepristone for approval.

As soon as the FDA issued mifepristone approval in September, anti-abortion members of Congress announced that they would try legislatively to restrict distribution of the medication. However, these attempts were dropped because of the pending end of the Congressional session and Republican desires to duck the abortion issue. ■

V-Day Mobilizes Women

By Mary Hood

The V-Day 2001 Gathering to End Violence Against Women on February 10, 2001 in New York City at Madison Square Garden is expected to draw some 18,000 women's rights supporters and activists from the U.S. and around the world. Conceived and organized by award-winning playwright Eve Ensler, V-Day has become an important organizing tool for feminists worldwide.

V-Day centers on the central theme of ending global violence against women. The event culminates with a celebrity performance of the *Vagina Monologues*, including Calista Flockhart and Glenn Close among others. This year's performance will highlight the plight of women and girls in Afghanistan under the brutal Taliban regime.

V-Day also is sponsoring an international Stop Rape Contest that will award prizes for programs and strategies to end rape. Finalists will win paid expenses to the V-Day celebration and the opportunity to present their ideas during the daylong activities.

The event culminates with a celebrity performance of the *Vagina Monologues*, including Calista Flockhart and Glenn Close among others.

Feminist Majority Foundation Director of Global Outreach Cherreka Montgomery is the V-Day Regional Coordinator for North America and serves on the V-Day Steering Committee. To participate in the contest or find out more about V-Day, visit www.feminist.org. ■

FMF Calls for NIH Funding for RU 486 Research

With the long-awaited announcement of mifepristone approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in September, the Feminist Majority Foundation launched an emergency campaign to call upon the National Institutes of Health to fund mifepristone trials on some of the drug's non-abortion indications such as fibroid tumors, ovarian cancer, contraception and endometriosis. NIH is the largest funder of medical research in the world.

“Over a decade of promising medical research on mifepristone has been lost to anti-abortion politics. For the sake of women's health, NIH must help make up for these delays,” said Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation, who led the 12-year drive to make mifepristone available in the United States. The Feminist Majority Foundation already has gathered over 10,000 petitions urging NIH mifepristone trial funding.

Because mifepristone blocks the action of progesterone, it also may be able to in-

hibit the growth of progesterone-dependent tumors. The anti-progestin qualities of mifepristone may help stop or even retard ovarian cancer, meningioma and fibroid tumors. Mifepristone also blocks the action of cortisol, which may have profound implications for the treatment of depression, HIV virus, Alzheimer's, Cushing's Syndrome, and other conditions related to elevated levels of cortisol.

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How to Get RU 486

In November, mifeprex became available through physicians.

Physicians interested in providing the medication as a method of early abortion should call 1-877-432-7596. Patients who wish to obtain it through a physician can call 1-800-772-9100.

“This drug is such a medical breakthrough that many believe if it had been primarily for men, the French developers would already have received a Nobel Prize in medicine,” said Smeal.

Recent articles in the Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Boston Globe and Glamour Magazine have documented mifepristone's enormous capacity and highlighted the Feminist Majority Foundation's work in making the drug available on a compassionate use basis to cancer patients. ■

Chart C: Women Across the Board Favored Gore

	Women	Men	Gender Gap for Gore
Total	54%	43%	11-pt.
Married	48%	38%	10-pt.
Unmarried	63%	48%	15-pt.
Suburban	52%	41%	11-pt.
Without HS Diploma	60%	57%	3-pt.
HS Graduates	52%	43%	9-pt.
Some College	50%	40%	10-pt.
College Graduates	57%	39%	18-pt.
Republican	9%	7%	2-pt.
Independent	51%	39%	12-pt.
18-29 years old	53%	41%	12-pt.
30-44 years old	54%	42%	12-pt.
45-59 years old	53%	41%	12-pt.
60 and older	56%	44%	12-pt.
White	48%	36%	12-pt.
Black	94%	85%	9-pt.

DATA SOURCE: VOTER NEWS SERVICE EXIT POLLS, NEW YORK TIMES

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smaller because 57 percent of men without high school diplomas said they voted for Gore.

Almost every Black woman voter – 94 percent – supported Gore. Despite overwhelming support for Gore among both Black women and men, Black women supported Gore at a higher rate than Black men – for a 9-point gender gap.

Support for Gore by age and gender also showed significant gender gaps, with 53 percent of young women (18-29 years old) voting for Gore and only 41 percent of young men – for a 12-point gender gap. Among older voters (60+ years old), 56 percent of women voted for Gore and only 44 percent of men for the same 12-point gender gap. ■

The Fight for RU 486: Anatomy of a Victory

By Jennifer Jackman

The September 28th approval of mifepristone by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration represented not only a major advance for women's health care, but also a victory for the feminist movement in general and the Feminist Majority Foundation (FMF) in particular.

All too often news reports and academic studies dismiss, ignore, or obscure the role of feminist movement organizations in achieving women's rights victories. If we win, the victory is redefined as inevitable or credit is given elsewhere.

The RU 486 victory is too significant and our role in the victory too great to allow this history to be lost, so we wanted to take the opportunity here to describe how the Feminist Majority Foundation, which led the most sustained and most extensive campaign for RU 486, helped make this medical breakthrough available to American women.

Our 12-year, multi-faceted campaign included six trips to Europe to meet with the original RU 486 patent holders; countless meetings in the U.S. with the Population Council, Danco, and Roussel Uclaf; innumerable briefings and strategy sessions with other abortion rights and women's rights organizations; participation in dozens of conferences in the U.S. and abroad to urge support for mifepristone; demonstrations on both East and West Coasts; and testimony before Congress, FDA, and state legislatures among other strategies. The following are some of the watershed events in our fight for RU 486:

1988

RU 486 becomes available in France in October 1988, after the French Minister of Health declares RU 486 "the moral property of women" and orders Roussel Uclaf to return RU 486 to the market following the company's decision to withdraw the drug in the wake of anti-abortion pressure. Anti-abortion forces threaten Roussel Uclaf's parent company, Hoechst AG, with economic



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FMF delegation in 1990 delivered 800 lbs. of petitions to Roussel Uclaf at meeting with Roussel Uclaf CEO Edouard Sakiz. L to R: Catherine Euvrard, Myron Allukian, Judith Reichman, Peg Yorkin, Patricia Ireland, Edouard Sakiz, Ellie Smeal, Allan Rosenfield, Jaroslav Hulka, Carl Djerassi, Diane Robins

reprisal if RU 486 is marketed in the United States. FMF meets with leading scientists and reviews scientific literature to ascertain the safety, efficacy, and benefits of RU 486.

1989

In March, Hoechst informs abortion opponents that "it is not our intention to market or distribute RU 486 outside of France." FDA bans importation of RU 486 for personal use in response to anti-abortion Congressional pressure.

FMF launches Campaign for RU 486 and Contraceptive Research, a massive public education campaign to generate petitions to the European manufacturers of RU 486 urging licensing of RU 486 in the U.S., and begins drive to win support from women's, scientific, and medical organizations.

1990

Ten-member FMF delegation of feminist leaders and prominent scientists travels to Europe to meet with officials of Roussel Uclaf and Hoechst AG. The delegation, which is the first-ever American group to meet with Roussel Uclaf CEO Dr. Edouard Sakiz, presents over 115,000 petitions from American citizens in support of RU 486. Meeting forges a long-lasting relationship with Dr. Sakiz and his colleagues that proves key over the course of the next decade to removing obstacles to RU 486 availability.

Congressman Ron Wyden (D-OR) holds a series of hearings on RU 486 before the House Small Business Committee. Scientists and FMF President Eleanor Smeal testify that the import alert has hindered research on non-abortion RU 486 indications, including its use as a possible treatment for cancer.

1991

The American Association for Advancement of Science (AAAS) endorses the testing and use of RU 486. Having secured the AAAS support, FMF successfully pursues RU 486 endorsements from almost every major scientific and medical organization in the country. FMF collects over 3000 individual scientists' petitions.

New Hampshire becomes the first state in the nation to pass a resolution urging the commencement of clinical trials of RU 486 in that state. FMF testifies before the New Hampshire legislature, and successfully urges other states to adopt the resolutions based on the New Hampshire model.

FMF Board Chair Peg Yorkin announces an historic \$10 million dollar endowment and gift to the Feminist Majority Foundation and Fund. The donation is especially targeted for the Foundation's Campaign for RU 486 and Contraceptive Research.

1992

A second FMF delegation meets with officials from Hoechst AG to urge U.S. marketing of RU 486, delivering an additional 110,000 petitions supporting RU 486.

FMF announces its Web of Influence Campaign to educate the public on U.S. companies and institutions that do business with Hoechst AG and Roussel Uclaf and to encourage those companies to ask that RU 486 be distributed here. FMF holds an RU 486 picket at Treviera Two-some race in New York City, sponsored by Hoechst Celanese and Nike.

In the first direct challenge to the FDA import alert on RU 486, a pregnant American woman, Leona Benten, returns from Europe with a prescription of RU 486. Customs officials seize the RU 486 upon the arrival of Benten and Larry Lader of Abortion Rights Mobilization at JFK Airport. Smeal joins Lader and Benten at JFK for a news conference condemning the ban.

Bill Clinton is elected President of the United States. After his election, FMF documents Clinton's campaign statements supporting RU 486 and prepares a memo urging steps that the new Administration could take to help make RU 486 available. FMF sends letters to Roussel Uclaf and Hoechst AG informing them that with Clinton's election and the election of more women and pro-choice members of Congress, the political obstacles to RU 486 in this country had effectively been removed.

1993

President Clinton issues an executive order instructing the FDA to re-evaluate the RU 486 import alert and directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to "assess initiatives...[that can] promote the testing, licensing, and manufacturing of RU 486 or other antiprogestins."

Lader, along with Smeal, announces a strategy to remove Roussel Uclaf's patent on RU 486, using an existing law that allows Congress to remove patents on products not being marketed in the U.S. Lader also announces that the RU 486 compound has been replicated by scientists in New York State. Rep. Ron Wyden promises to hold a Congressional hearing on removal of

patent rights if there is no agreement to commence U.S. trials in three months.

Shortly after, Hoechst AG and Roussel Uclaf say they will allow the Population Council to test and manufacture RU 486. However, Hoechst AG continues to prohibit Roussel Uclaf from selling RU 486 to a U.S. distributor in the interim, while an American manufacturer is established and gains FDA approval. FMF sends a letter, with 100,000 more petitions, to Hoechst AG CEO Wolfgang Hilger urging the company to permit the sale of RU 486 to the U.S. during the interim period.

FMF outnumbers RU 486 opponents by 5-1 at a demonstration in front of the French Embassy called by Operation Rescue.



FMF Board Chair Peg Yorkin spearheaded the fight for mifepristone approval in the U.S.

Negotiations to allow the Population Council to seek FDA approval for RU 486 stall. The Feminist Majority continues its "No More Delays" petition campaign.

1994

Marking the tenth month of negotiations between the Population Council and Roussel Uclaf, the FMF sends another 50,000 petitions to Hoechst AG on the 20th anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.

U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala sets May 15 as the deadline for conclusion of Population Council and Roussel Uclaf negotiations.

Congressman Wyden schedules a May 16 RU 486 hearing.

On May 16, Roussel Uclaf assigns its U.S. patent rights for RU 486 without remuneration to the Population Council. The transfer of patent rights is attributed not only to the Clinton Administration, but also to the FMF's ongoing campaign. Roussel Uclaf's Dr. Sakiz wrote to Smeal, "it is mainly your own determination and that of all of the Feminist Majority Foundation's members and other pro-choice supporters that largely contributed to this successful issue."

FMF, in cooperation with the Population Council, announces the establishment of a revolving fund to raise money for mifepristone clinical trials and future anti-progesterin research.

1995

With the award of U.S. patent rights to the Population Council, the Feminist Majority Foundation spends the next five years working to end delays in arrangements for the manufacture and distribution of mifepristone, to prevent Congressional interference, and to keep women's groups and women's interests at the table throughout the long process of making mifepristone available to U.S. women.

1996

The Population Council submits to the FDA a New Drug Application (NDA) for mifepristone as an early abortion method. FMF President Eleanor Smeal serves on board of Advances in Health Technology, the initial non-profit organization created to represent women's groups in mifepristone distribution.

The FDA Advisory Committee on Reproductive Health Drugs holds mifepristone safety and efficacy public hearing. FMF organizes testimony from women's and scientific organizations in favor of mifepristone. After hearing testimony, the Advisory Committee recommends approval of mifepristone.

The FDA takes the next step in the approval process by issuing an "approveable" letter in September to the Population Council in response to mifepristone NDA application.



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Back to School

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“As women and girls go to school throughout the United States, Afghan women and girls are not allowed to go to school,” said Smeal. “The Back to School Campaign makes human connections between children in the United States and Afghan girls, between U.S. teachers and Afghan teachers, and between Americans who care and the Afghan women and girls who are suffering because of the Taliban’s brutal regime,” she continued.

Ramona High School, the all girls public high school in East Los Angeles, hosted the West Coast kickoff of the campaign preceded by an all-school rally. The press conference following the rally featured Mavis Leno, her husband, Jay Leno, and Katherine Spillar, national coordinator of the Feminist Majority Foundation. Other celebrities including *Rugrats* Cheryl Chase and *Boy Meets Worlds* Tina McGee-Davis also attended to demonstrate their support for the campaign.

“Through the Back to School Campaign, students, teachers, and parents will have the opportunity to connect directly with Afghan women and girls and let them know that they are not forgotten. When people hear about the Taliban’s atrocities against women, they want to help,” said Mavis Leno.

Community organizations such as the YWCA of the National Capital Region and the Children’s Museum of Los Angeles as well as groups of co-workers and friends are raising awareness of the Taliban’s treatment of women in Afghanistan through circulating petitions and holding screenings of *Shroud of Silence*, the movie produced by the Feminist Majority Foundation to tell the story of Afghan women. The American Federation of Teachers and the Coalition of Labor Union Women are among the national organizations that have also joined the campaign.

When the Taliban militia came to power in 1996, one of their first decrees banned women and girls from attending school.



Afghan Woman Scholarship Recipient Frayba Wakili, FM President Eleanor Smeal, Jessica Furer of Friends Central High School and FM Board Member Mavis Leno launch the Back to School Campaign at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

Clandestine home schools, which violate Taliban decrees, have emerged as one of the last resorts to keep a generation of Afghan girls from growing up illiterate and enumerate.

In the two months since the launching of the Back to School Campaign, more than 200 individuals and groups representing 32 states and Canada have started action teams that are working to give Afghan women and girls back their lives.

Action teams can sign-up to participate in a variety of activities including adopting Afghan girls schools, obtaining scholarships from U.S. colleges and universities for the Afghan Women’s Scholarship Program, and gathering signatures on petitions as part of the Campaign to Stop Gender Apartheid. Holding fund-raisers, passing petitions, and conducting outreach events on their campuses are some of the activities organized by student teams at Brandeis University, the University of Arizona, Friends’ Central School outside of Philadelphia and other universities and high schools that are participating in the Back to School Campaign.

In addition to providing much needed funds for the Afghan girls’ schools, the program provides students with a sense of social responsibility and an awareness of international women’s rights. “We couldn’t believe something like that was happening,” Ramona High School student Berlyn Castillo told the Los Angeles Times.

Join the Back to School Campaign and help Afghan women and girls go back to school. Visit our website www.feminist.org and sign up today. ■

Afghan Women’s Scholarship Campaign

By Mary Hood

Eight young Afghan women refugees have begun college in the United States this fall as a part of the Feminist Majority Foundation’s Afghan Women’s Scholarship Program. Each student is making good academic progress, with many of them earning grades worthy of the Dean’s List.

One of these women, formerly a medical student in Afghanistan, was prohibited from continuing her studies when the Taliban took control of Kabul in 1996. “I am so fortunate to be in the United States now, and to have the opportunity to continue my education. I only wish that more people in the world knew about the terrible situation for Afghan women,” said the scholarship recipient. Because of the Feminist Majority Foundation’s Afghan Women’s Scholarship Program, this young woman began classes in computer science at a university in Wisconsin this fall.

Another recipient, Frayba Wakili, fled Afghanistan just before the Taliban overtook her city and was forced to spend the next three years in Pakistan, unable to go home and unable to come to the United States. Waikili’s life changed completely when last spring she was awarded refugee status and a scholarship to a university in Maryland. “Thanks to the Feminist Majority Foundation’s Afghan Women’s Scholarship Program, the dark, living nightmare has ended for me,” says Waikili.

The Feminist Majority Foundation continues to request U.S. colleges and universities to donate tuition and, if possible, room and board for Afghan women to study in the U.S. These scholarships are intended to help those who obtained high school diplomas or some college before the Taliban gained power to continue their education. Candidates must be 18 years or older, have graduated from high school, and have English language skills. They also must receive approval as refugees. Visit www.feminist.org for scholarship applications. ■

Gender Differences in Police Brutality: Male Officers Cost Shockingly More

With police abuse cases grabbing headlines nationwide, a recent study released by the Feminist Majority Foundation's National Center for Women & Policing documents huge gender differences in the cost of police brutality and misconduct. The study shows male officers in the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) are involved in excessive force and misconduct civil liability lawsuits at shockingly higher rates than their female counterparts.

The City of Los Angeles paid out \$63.4 million between 1990-1999 in civil lawsuits involving male officers for use of excessive force, sexual assault, and domestic violence. By contrast, \$2.8 million was paid out on female officers for excessive force lawsuits - and not one female officer was named as a defendant in a sexual assault or domestic violence case.

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Male officer payouts in cases of brutality and misconduct exceeded female officer payouts by a ratio of 23:1. Moreover, male officers disproportionately accounted for the lawsuit payouts involving killings and assault and battery. Male officer payouts for killings exceeded female officer payouts by a ratio of 43:1 and for assault and battery male officer payouts exceeded female officer payouts by a ratio of 32:1. Over the same period, male officers serving in a patrol capacity outnumbered women LAPD officers by a much lower ratio of 4:1.

"We know that women do the job of policing equally as well as men, responding to similar calls and encountering similar

dangers," said Penny Harrington, director of the National Center for Women & Policing and former chief of police of Portland, Oregon. "But more importantly for public officials in Los Angeles - and across the country - this new study shows that increasing the representation of women on the force holds the key for substantially decreasing police violence and its cost to taxpayers," added Harrington.

The study confirms earlier research both in the United States and internationally that shows women police officers rely less on physical force and more on verbal skills in handling altercations than male police officers. As a result, women police officers are less likely to become involved in problems with excessive force and are better at defusing potentially violent confrontations with citizens.

"Additionally, our research revealed other types of costly male police officer violence," said Katherine Spillar, national coordinator of the Feminist Majority Foundation. "Our study uncovered \$10.4 million in payouts in lawsuits involving male officers for sexual assault, sexual molestation and domestic violence," continued Spillar.

As domestic violence calls are the single largest category of calls made to police departments, the real cost of violence committed by male officers is even greater than the \$10.4 million paid out. Failure by police to properly respond to crimes of violence against women can have tragic consequences for women in the community.

Nationwide, women are severely under-represented in police departments - averaging only 14.3 percent of police officers across the country. The National Center for Women & Policing is a division of the Feminist Majority Foundation and works to reduce violence against women, to reduce police brutality, and to increase the representation of women in policing by fighting sex and race discrimination. ■

RU 486

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1997

Hoechst AG turns over worldwide (non-U.S.) patent rights for mifepristone to Dr. Edouard Sakiz, whose new company, Exelgyn, will distribute the compound as a method of early abortion and will begin testing on the drug's other indications.

1999

Under agreement with Exelgyn, Population Council, and the Danco Group, FMF is awarded sole responsibility for distributing mifepristone for compassionate use patients who suffer from serious or life-threatening diseases and conditions for which no other treatment is available, such as meningioma (brain tumors).

Mifepristone is approved by the FDA on September 28, and will be marketed by Danco Laboratories under the trade name Mifeprex.

2000

The FDA issues a second "approvable" letter in February. Final approval is anticipated later in 2000.

FMF leads campaign with other major women's rights and medical organizations to oppose restrictions on mifepristone under FDA consideration that would have severely restricted the drug's availability. Final approval of mifepristone set the less onerous requirements that physicians be able to diagnosis gestational age and ectopic pregnancy and that they be trained to provide surgical abortion or to refer patients to other physicians capable of performing this procedure.

Mifepristone is approved by the FDA on September 28, and will be marketed by Danco Laboratories under the trade name Mifeprex. FMF declares a "total victory for U.S. women. At long last, science trumps anti-abortion politics and medical McCarthyism." ■

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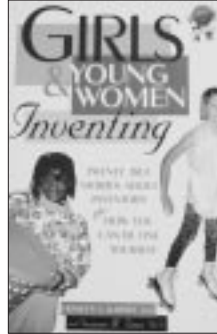
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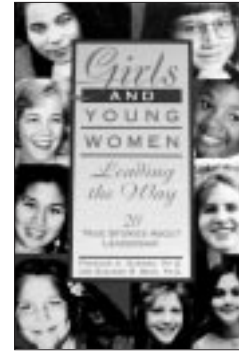
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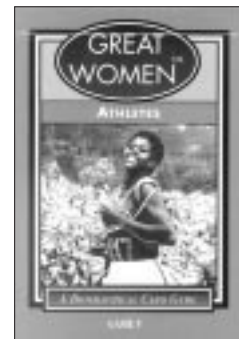


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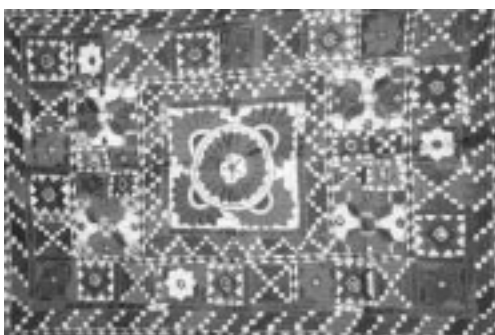
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