

WE, MEN AND WOMEN

The contemporary world we inhabit today has witnessed remarkable strides towards equality and recognition, particularly in the acknowledgment of women's profound impact on our communities and the global landscape. Despite lingering stereotypes portraying women as weak, irrational, and easily manipulated, societal perceptions are gradually evolving to embrace a deeper understanding, acceptance, and appreciation of women's contributions.

According to an article in The World Economic Forum, empowering women to participate equally in the global economy could potentially catalyze an astounding \$28 trillion in GDP growth by 2025. This statistic underscores the immense economic potential that lies in recognizing and uplifting women. Moreover, when we delve into our history, we encounter countless narratives of female bravery, groundbreaking discoveries, advocacy for human rights and equality, exemplary leadership, and liberation movements. These stories serve as a poignant reminder of the pivotal role women have played in shaping our world and paving the way for the freedoms and privileges we enjoy today. It's noteworthy to acknowledge that behind many great male leaders, there often stand women who provide invaluable support and guidance on their journey towards governance and leadership.

The multifaceted capabilities of women defy simplistic categorization. Their strength, resilience, perseverance, and critical thinking abilities contribute immeasurably to making the world a better place. It is heartwarming to know that lots of the jobs or roles can now be possible for a woman. As someone who has been in the government service, it is uplifting to look up to women in the service who put their hearts and hard work to serve the people. Aside from being a working person, some of them are mothers, breadwinners, wives, sisters, friend, community leaders, church members all at the same time. I certainly don't know how women were able to balance time, finances and personal capacities.

Above all, out of all the contributions made by women, the most valuable and exceptional – is YOU. It's essential to recognize and honor the foundational role that mothers play in our lives. From the pain of childbirth to the everyday sacrifices they make to nurture and support their families, mothers epitomize selflessness and unconditional love. While they are not perfect, they provide us with our needs, cook for our food, wash our clothes and nurtured us into who we are today with the help of our fathers. These are the simple things they weren't paid for but they'd still would do it every single day. Their contributions, though often overlooked, are indispensable in shaping the fabric of society.

As we extend appreciation to fathers, brothers, and men in our lives, let us also actively champion the celebration and empowerment of mothers, sisters, wives, and women across all spheres of society. By acknowledging and uplifting the contributions of women, we move closer to realizing a more equitable and inclusive world for all.