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POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REGARDING RIGHTS OF WOMEN IN THE DRC



General information

Women's right to Vote is enshrined within the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the USA. Other than that Women's rights are seen as part of the Civil Rights Act (the 14th Amendment) since 1971.

Recently the Trump Administration and the Supreme Court has started cracking down on Women's Rights. The *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* Decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*, which had insured access to Abortion in the United States, making the States decide if Abortion is legal or not and led to some states allowing Abortion and some states banning it.

The Trump Administration has defunded Planned Parenthood, leading to less access to Contraceptives and has overturned laws forbidding discrimination based on sex.

Position on the matter

Under the Biden Administration USAID directly supported efforts to give Women access to Vote in the 2023 Elections. However under the Trump Administration USAID has been shrunk, and it seems unlikely that they

would assist in the same way their Predecessor did.

On the 4th of December 2025, the United States and DRC agreed to a Strategic Partnership. In the Formalized Agreement the Women's rights situation is not mentioned once, even though it spans a lot of sectors.

Proposed solutions

The United States has not ratified the Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), which is one of the most important UN Conventions on human rights. The US does support stabilisation of the region, but is unlikely to prioritise women's rights.

Potential Blocks

The US likely stands with the European Nations, but is likely to be one of the more Conservative forces within this block. Splitting from this group is also possible, as the US currently upholds different ideals, then many of its historical allies.

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