

Public Policy:

Why AAUW and Public Policy Matter

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Persistent barriers within our country continue to hold women and girls back. AAUW works to remove those barriers through our Public Policy Priorities, which are member-driven and approved. These four priorities are the guidelines that inform, promote, enhance, and ensure security, justice, access, and representation for women and girls.

PRIORITY: Economic Security for ALL WOMEN including: equity in the work-place, enforcement of workplace anti-discrimination statutes, security in retirement, job training for career development and work-life balance.

PRIORITY: SOCIAL and RACIAL JUSTICE for ALL MEMBERS OF SOCIETY including: self-determination in healthcare decisions. Equal access to affordable healthcare and housing. Equal access to gender affirming care. Civil and voting rights protections. Protections for historically marginalized groups, and efforts to resist anti-immigrant policies.

PRIORITY: EQUAL ACCESS to QUALITY PUBLIC EDUCATION for ALL STUDENTS including: Title IX enforcement, adequate and equitable funding for public education. Historically accurate curricula. Civics instruction in all CA high schools, Equitable access to STEM programs. Funding to support strong infrastructure.

PRIORITY: INCREASED REPRESENTATION of WOMEN in LEADERSHIP ROLES including: Proportional appointment to publicly held boards. Leadership skills training. Programs that promote participation in public service.

THIS IS WHY AAUW AND PUBLIC POLICY MATTER!

You can show your support by your attendance at programs, your donations, and especially, by VOLUNTEERING to HELP!



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