

WOMEN'S VOICE IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE:
PROMOTING EMPOWERMENT THROUGH JOURNALISM
Commission on the Status of Women 58th Session

Questions Discussed on the Panel

1. To what extent are women's real experiences seen and heard in today's journalism?

Are editors and journalists making an effort to include women's lives and stories in the news?

Is there a lack of focus on stories about women and the impact of major issues on women's lives even if the story is being covered?

What are the barriers to women's stories getting into the news

2. Where are women's voices most likely to be heard in the news?

What kinds of stories are women being seen and heard in?

What is the "gender consciousness" of editors and journalists today, and does this affect sourcing?

What does the GMMP say about which stories include – and exclude – women?

3. Do reporters use knowledgeable women as sources on social issues?

Are women's voices saying different things in women-owned media?

: Women with expertise on disabilities -- are they being consulted in developing stories and then quoted as experts?

What does the GMMP research shows about women's bylines and sources?

4. To what extent are women advancing in the news profession, especially decision-making levels?

How are today's news organizations fostering women leadership in the newsroom? Is it the same within the U.S. as well as elsewhere, i.e., on the global economic stage.

What did we learn about women's status in decision making with the Global Report findings?

Which factors enable women in different nations to advance within journalism?

5. What are some of the barriers to women's stories getting into the news?

How does access to financing for women to start their own news/media organizations (access to venture capital and male dominated Silicon Valley) make a difference?

Discuss how sexual harassment is a major area of concern for women journalists, and a driver for women leaving the professions.)

What is the experience trying to get news attention for issues concerning women and girls with disabilities? Who covers these issues, if anyone? Others than women with disabilities?

Do women in a decision making role make efforts on coverage of women's issues in the media?

What kinds of barriers do they encounter and what barriers have they tried to remove in coverage of women?

6. Are new technologies, including social media, helping women find a public voice?

Which possibilities are afforded by social/new media? How does Net Neutrality figure into women's "public voice"?

What has been tried to advance women's media enterprises?