

# 2017 FEMINIST SCORECARD

WHAT ACTION HAS THIS GOVERNMENT TAKEN TO ADVANCE WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND GENDER EQUALITY?



## CONFLICT AND CRISIS

In times of crisis women and girls face increased violence and their specific needs are often ignored. The government has demonstrated real leadership in welcoming over 40,000 Syrian refugees to Canada, but hasn't invested in supporting women's efforts to build lasting peace and stability.

## VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

One in 3 women experience violence in their lifetime. The government launched a long-awaited national inquiry on violence against Indigenous women and girls and made significant investments in shelters for victims of violence. What is now needed is a comprehensive national action plan to end violence against women.



## REPRESENTATION AND LEADERSHIP

Policies are best informed by the people they affect, yet women are underrepresented in politics and decision making around the world. The government has taken meaningful steps to support women's leadership, including by appointing Canada's first gender-balanced cabinet and deciding to restore funding for women's rights advocacy.

## CARE WORK

Women spend long hours cooking, cleaning, and caring for children – but this work is unpaid and undervalued. The government has taken a first step to make child care affordable, but needs to act more quickly to end the chronic underfunding of essential services for First Nations.



## TAX

Progressive tax rules can help tackle economic inequality, close the gender gap and raise more revenue for public services. The government is cracking down on tax evasion and has reversed some of the most regressive tax policies of the previous government, but corporate tax rates remain at an all-time low.



## GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT

Women around the world disproportionately experience poverty and discrimination, and political backlash threatens hard-won gains. Canada is well positioned to stand up for women's rights globally, but it can't make a real difference with a near record-low aid budget.



## CLIMATE CHANGE

Women are the first and worst hit by the impacts of climate change. The government ratified the historic Paris Agreement and increased funds to help developing countries adapt, but hasn't moved to hold Canadian mining, oil and gas companies accountable when operating overseas.



## JOBS & PAY EQUITY

Women make up the majority of the world's working poor. Sexism affects the jobs women have access to and the money they earn. After campaigning on a promise of inclusive growth, the government has disappointingly taken very few steps to ensure women's work is fairly paid and equally valued.

