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BEIJING DECLARATION AND
PLATFORM FOR ACTION





















New York Declaration for Men and Boys¹

Preamble:

- 1. Gathered in New York City in the Year 2025, on the eve of the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration, a landmark moment for gender equality,
- Committed to the principles of dignity and equal opportunity for all, as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights instruments,
- 3. Celebrating the extraordinary gains toward equality achieved for women and girls,
- 4. Alarmed by the profound and persistent inequities affecting men and boys globally in health, education, family life, workplace safety, justice, and other areas,²
- Recognizing that these disparities often affect minority men more severely than other men, thereby compounding the challenges they face,
- 6. Asserting that the principle of gender equality requires the full inclusion of men and boys as both beneficiaries of fairness and active partners in progress,
- 7 Dedicated to creating a world where everyone regardless of gender can live with

1. Physical Health and Well-Being





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- Men live, on average, five years less than women.
- Suicide rates among men are three times higher than among women.
- 7 offices for Women's Health in the United States, none for Men



- Men should be equitably represented in health research
- Establish of Offices of Men's Health in Governments Worldwide



2. Mental Health and Suicide Prevention





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- Men are taught to stay silent—but it's costing lives.
- Young men face rising addiction, depression, and despair.
- Most mental health outreach fails to connect with men.



- Redefining strength to include emotional wellbeing.
- Creating mental health resources designed for men.
- Targeted suicide prevention to save men's lives.



3. Education and Lifelong Learning





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- Boys lag behind girls in school completion worldwide.
- Higher dropout rates and lower literacy hurt boys' education.
- Men are now a minority in universities but lack support.



- Boosting boys' literacy and engagement early.
- More male teachers to keep boys engaged.
- Equal scholarship opportunities for all.



4. Family and Shared Parenting





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- Courts favor mothers, even when fathers are fit.
- Parental alienation pushes kids away from fathers.
- Child support laws prioritize money over fatherhood.



- Equal parenting rights for fit parents.
- End financial incentives for custody battles.
- Parental alienation is child abuse.



5. Justice and Equality Before the Law





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- Men face harsher sentences for the same crimes.
- False allegations destroy lives with no consequences.
- Due process is eroding in abuse cases.



• Protect due process and presumption of innocence.

- Ensure fair and impartial investigations.
- End sentencing disparities between men and women.



6. Workplace Safety and Economic Opportunity





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- Men account for almost all workplace fatalities.
- High-risk jobs lack male-focused safety measures.
- Men face stigma in caregiving careers.



• Stronger safety policies to protect workers.

Support men in caregiving careers.



7. Paternal Justice and Reproductive Rights





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- Men lack rights over embryos they helped create.
- Paternity fraud forces men to pay for non-biological children.



- Equal say in decisions on frozen embryos.
- Reform child support laws to prevent unfair obligations.



8. Addressing Violence Against Men and Boys





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• Men are 78% of homicide victims.

• Male victims of domestic violence are often ignored.

• Boys are at higher risk of child labor, war recruitment, and exploitation.



• Support services for male abuse survivors.

• Recognize male victims in global policies.



9. A Fair Representation of Men and Boys in the Media.





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Negative stereotypes tell boys they're worthless.

This fuels a growing boy crisis.

• Boys who hurt, hurt us.



- Promote a new message: Men are the backbone of society
- If suffering isn't funny for a woman, it shouldn't be funny for a man









