

Weekly Tao Spiritual Discussion Holy Teaching

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Four Great Books in Confucius Holy Teaching Important for Our Spiritual Cultivation

Confucius Analects

Book of Great Learning

Doctrine of the Mean

Book of Mencius



Holy Scripture Readings for This Week

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For a girl, she grows and blossoms into a beautiful woman, with a kind and loving heart.

女大十八變: Major transformation for girls after turning 18 years of age.

嫁: Marry

女: Girl

家: Family

Having a harmonious and kind heart, this girl is getting married to join her husband's family.

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Family: Building blocks for a society.

Healthy cells, healthy body. Hence healthy family, healthy society.

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Older Sibling



Younger Sibling

Harmony and Kindness towards Siblings

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Siblings: From the same root, like fingers in the same hand. Selfless, caring, and integrity.

Microscopic: One Family → Siblings | Macroscopic: Every Family → Society

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Leader striving for more perfection in his deportment across all spectrum in intra-family network. How? Must come from a virtuous heart with solid belief, sincere cultivation, and reflection to act with compelling authenticity, gratitude, caring, compassion, and genuineness to inspire others. Why? Treasure precious family affinity, as opportunities to us to reflect, appreciate, and grow. Hence, perfection in Intra-Family Relationships → Growth in Tao Spiritual Cultivation.

Belief in Tao and in Interconnectedness and Equality in Our Spiritual Selves.

Some Reflection from Holy Readings for This Week

嫁: Marry

女: Girl 家: Family



More Perfection in Intra-Family Relationships.
Growth in Tao Spiritual Cultivation

Harmony and Kindness towards Siblings

Starts with Each Family.

Women in Family: Critical and Important Role.

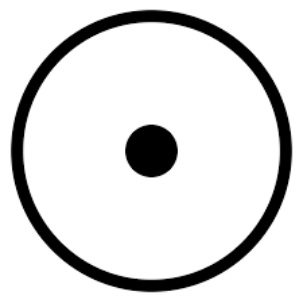
Women in Family: Glue that Brings and Keeps Family Together.

Behind Every Successful Man, There Exists a Supporting Woman!!

A Wise Woman 許允婦

婦有四德, 士有百行





Moral of the Story



A successful man has a great supporting woman.

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Although in traditional society norm called for ‘women to uphold four virtues, men to uphold 100 good characters’, new age women might feel inequality and strived to stand equally in the society.

While it may seem like a battle for equality between the two sexes, there are advantages and disadvantages in men and women we need to recognize. Balance between males and females like balance between “Yin and Yang” is the key to complement one another.

Thoughts for Today



《Holy Teacher》

Yi-Jing “Book of Changes” - 坤卦 Hexagram Kun represents female.

Characterized as water. When still, it can flexibly be in any shape of containers, and the pebble can penetrate easily. When moving, it can surge, swirl, burst, and overturn a wall.

Characterized as Earth. Tranquil and still. Though not moving, it can nurture all sentient beings.

Characterized with unlimited innate potential. When timing is right, the energy is unleashed like a spring blossom after a cold winter.

Fully abundant with the protective nature of a mother, willing to sacrifice oneself to protect offsprings.

Why Women Tend to Be Better Leaders

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**Tranquil Yet Powerful
at the Right Time**

Nurturing and Solid as Rock

**Wisdom with Abundance
of Innate Energy**

Loving and Protective



International Women's Day (IWD) is a global holiday celebrated **annually** on March 8 to commemorate the cultural, political, and socioeconomic achievements of women.

Famous Female Leaders

2020 [\[edit\]](#)

1.  Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany
2.  Christine Lagarde, President of the European Central Bank
3.  Kamala Harris, Vice President-elect of the United States^[Note 1]
4.  Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission
5.  Melinda Gates, Co-founder of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
6.  Mary Barra, CEO of General Motors

**Many and More Tao TTM's
are Caring and Strong
Female Leaders!!**



Gender Inequality

- Dramatic progress in movement toward gender equality between 1970 and 2018.
- In recent decades, change has slowed or stalled.
- Further progress requires substantial institutional and cultural change.
 - Progress may require increases in men's participation in household and care work.
 - Governmental provision of child care.
 - Adoption by employers of policies that reduce gender discrimination and help both men and women combine jobs with family care responsibilities.



Significant Support for Families!!

Support for Moms, One of the Most Impacted

Help Reduce Level of Poverty and Economic Inequality.



Biden nominates two female generals to 4-star commanders

Top 3 Causes in Gender Equality

#1. Uneven access to education

Around the world, women still have less access to education than men. $\frac{1}{4}$ of young women between 15-24 will not finish primary school. That group makes up 58% of the people not completing that basic education. Of all the illiterate people in the world, $\frac{2}{3}$ are women. When girls are not educated on the same level as boys, it has a huge effect on their future and the kinds of opportunities they'll get.

#2. Lack of employment equality

Only 6 countries in the world give women the same legal work rights as men. In fact, most economies give women only $\frac{3}{4}$ the rights of men. Studies show that if employment became a more even playing field, it has a positive domino effect on other areas prone to gender inequality.

#3. Job segregation

One of the causes for gender inequality within employment is the division of jobs. In most societies, there's an inherent belief that men are simply better equipped to handle certain jobs. Most of the time, those are the jobs that pay the best. This discrimination results in lower income for women. Women also take on the primary responsibility for unpaid labor, so even as they participate in the paid workforce, they have extra work that never gets recognized financially.

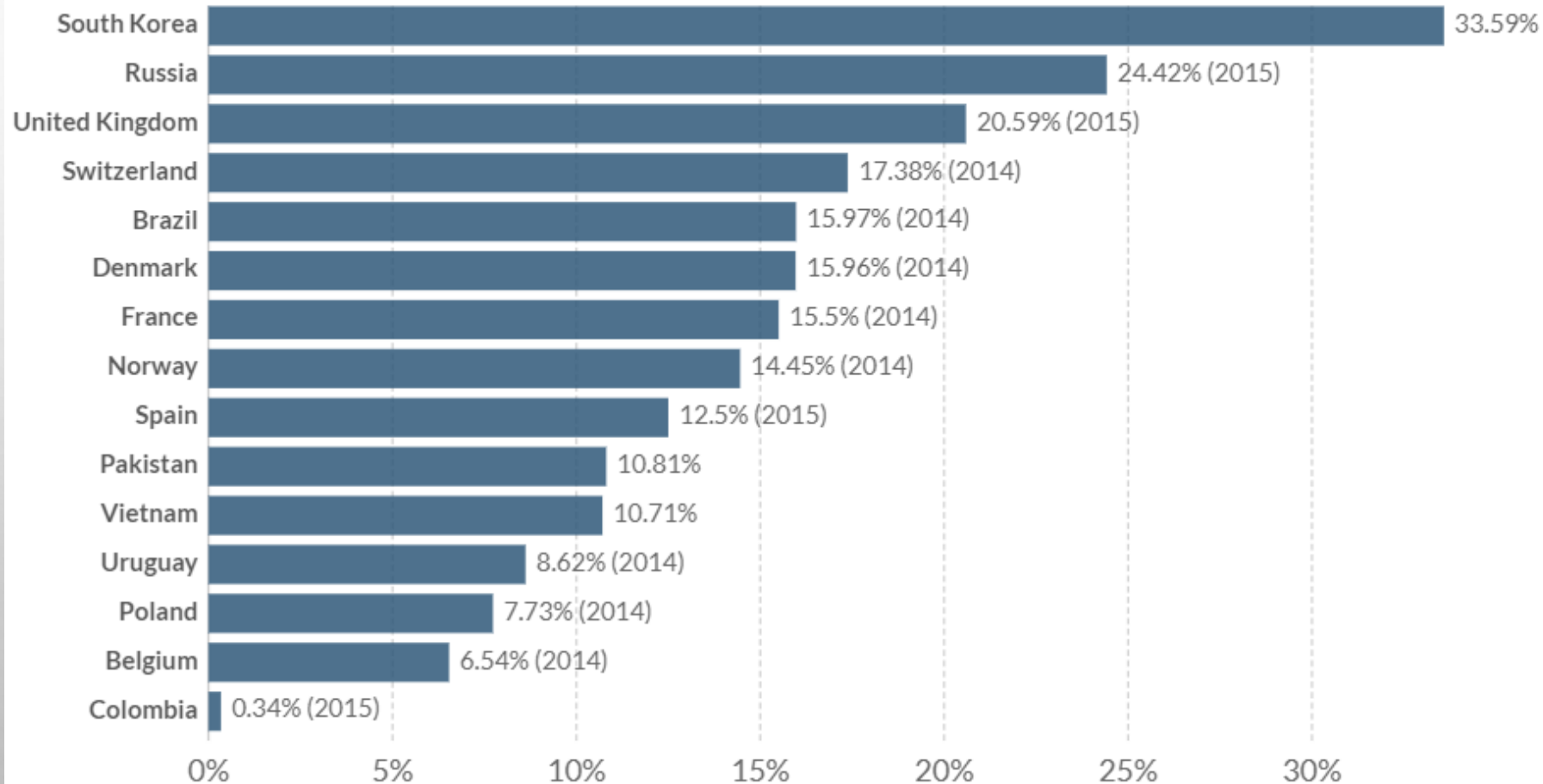
Gender Gap in Wages

Unadjusted gender gap in average hourly wages, 1981 to 2016

Gender wage gap, unadjusted for worker characteristics. Estimates correspond to the difference between average earnings of men and women, expressed as a percentage of average earnings of men.

Our World
in Data

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Source: ILOSTAT

Note: The data corresponds to gross hourly earnings and includes both full-time and part-time workers.

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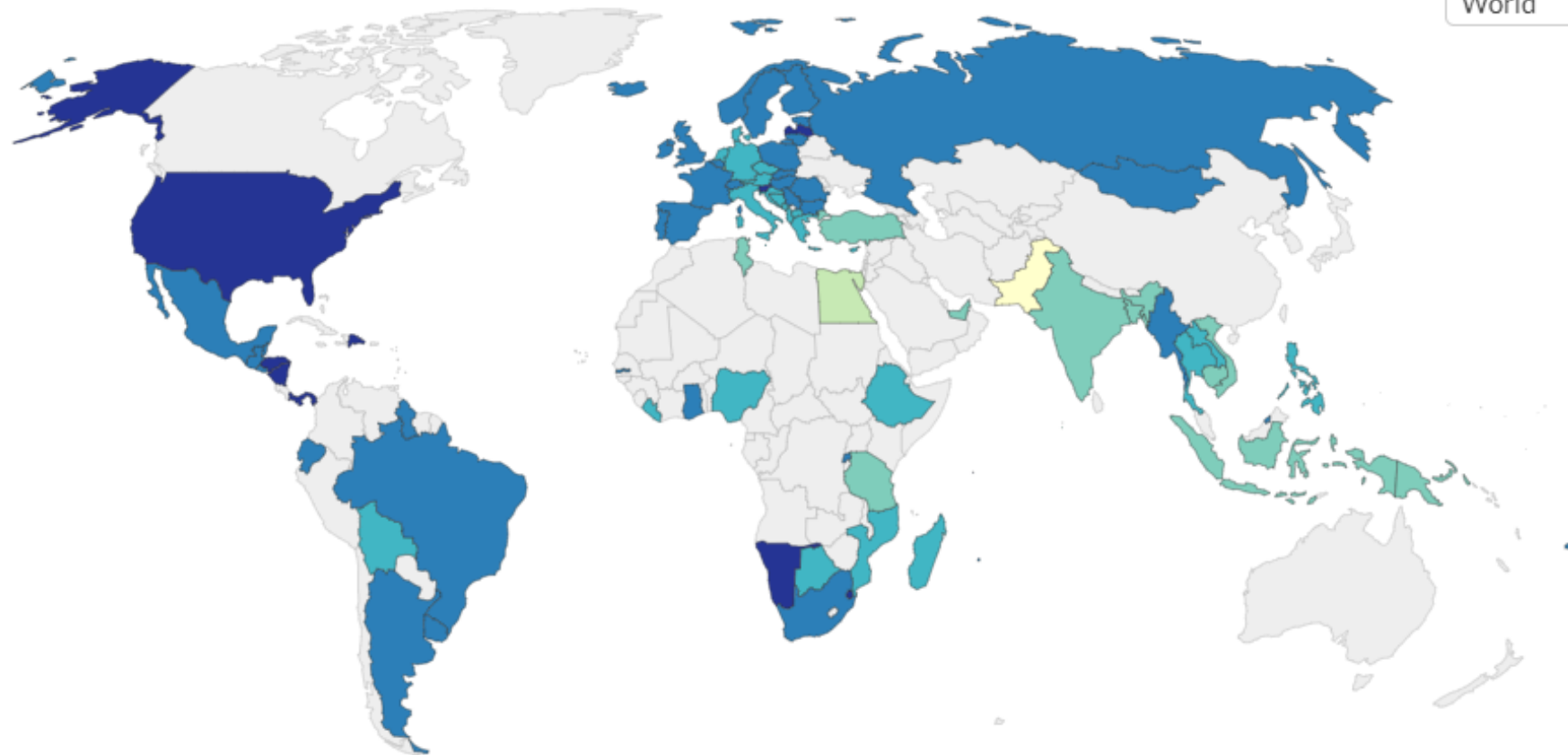
Gender Gap in Senior and Middle Management Positions

Proportion of women in senior and middle management positions, 2017

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Estimates based on employment by occupation. 'Senior and middle management' correspond to those employed as "legislators, senior officials and managers" under the International Standard Classification of Occupations.

World






Gender Inequality Is Real and Should Not Be Ignored!!

Continued Awareness and Actions from Government Agencies to Corporate America and Individual Citizens Are Needed to Reduce Level of Gender Inequality.

As Tao Cultivation Community, Be Aware of Such Conditions, Cognizant of Our Own Actions which may contribute to such conditions, and Focus on Cultivation to perfect our virtues, thoughts, words, and actions to create a more equitable future for all!!



Holy Story About Instilling Virtue in Offspring

曹彬的兒子曹韜光，任節度使時，他母親來到公署，偶然在他家中貯物的地方發現放了不少的銀兩，就責問兒子說：「你父親任官多年，也從來沒有積蓄過什麼東西，為什麼你任節度使就有這麼多的錢存在那裏？」於是吩咐兒子把裏面的錢統統拿來，分給公署裏的軍士們。

曹彬賢妻這種教子清廉的美行，從此也流傳人間。

曹彬是北宋名將，妻教子廉，祖德厚，其孫曹國舅終修成仙呢！

Tsao Bin's son, Tsao Tao Guang, was holding a position as a military leader. One day, his mom came to visit him and noticed bags of silver in family's storage room. She immediately questioned him and said, "Your father held high level positions in government for years and never had stashed away so much money for himself. How did you have so much money for yourself as a military leader?" She then ordered him to share all the wealth with all the military soldiers.

Her virtue about integrity and fairness were widely shared with others.

Tsao Bin was a famous general in the North Song Dynasty supported by a virtuous wife, instilling a high level of virtues in their offspring, with their grandson who became an immortal.

**Living in a world filled with Yin and Yang,
What could we possibly do to help bridge the gap in gender equality,
especially as a Tao Cultivator?**

Professional:

Support, Develop and Implement Policy Creating Success Opportunities.

Provide Key Leadership Roles and Visibility to Showcase Talents.

Celebrate Success to Sustain Culture Change.

Family:

Treasure Affinity, Grow, and Support Each Other.

Equal, Respectful, and Loving Partnership in Husband and Wife.

Focused Equally on Virtue Development in Children to Healthy Family and Society.

Civic Duties:

Support Leaders Willing to Stand Up and Fight for Equality

Register to Vote to Make Your Voices Heard!!

Donate, Stay Engaged, and Stand Up for the Oppressed and Discriminated.

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We All Have Sacred Duties and Responsibilities, Starting with Ourselves and Our Family, to Help Make this Imperfect World a Better Place for All!!

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