

# PAY UP!



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1963, the time when poodle skirts were popular and movie tickets cost 85 cents. It wasn't always that great even though it sounded like heaven on Earth. 1963 was when the Gender Pay Gap began. "What is the gender pay gap?", you might be asking. It's when women don't get paid as much as men. Today in our world women get paid \$39,621 a year, now remember that number because men get paid \$53,420 a year. With that being said, if a man was paid \$1.00, than a woman would make 77 cents. We have many things we can do about this, but our low life people think that just because we are different genders means that we should be paid differently. The men of congress have brought this major problem up in every congress meeting, but they think that someday we will figure it out ourselves. Apparently we are too dumb to recognize this serious issue happening in our world.

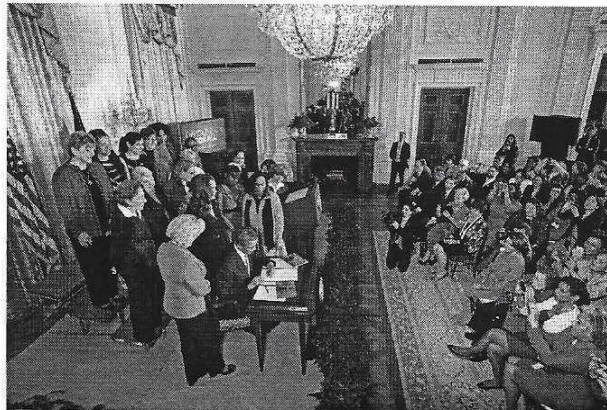
It isn't just us American women that are getting unlawfully paid, but it's any race of women. I think that the gender pay gap is not only terrible, but it is uninspiring to young women just like me. I don't want to grow up thinking that I will never get paid as much as men just because of my gender. There are many things we can do about this, but our society has decided to forget about us and just leave us hanging. I think that we should be paid by our work habits and not by our race or gender. Just because women get paid less than men, women have to work longer shifts so they can support their family with enough money. 2014, the worst time non in history for the gender pay gap. The difference between men and women's pay was \$10,763. Every year so far we have got a small reputation not only for how we get paid but in the things we can't do because we have an ignorant law stating that women can not be paid as much as men. For many years people ask "why are women getting paid less than men?" Well to give you the hard truth men think that women are only good for chores, taking care of the kids and giving love. We may not look alike but why do we have to get paid different for that. If you search up historical women the same amount of men women will come up as men, and yes they are successful and so will we if we get paid as much as men. If you just look a little closer you can see a brave and fierce women just like any man you have ever met.

A quote from the inteligen president Obama, "women are paid 77 cents for doing the same work as men, It's not a myth it's math." I think we should have more men like Obama in are society. Paying women less is like saying there work isn't valuable, but we are all equally valuable and we should be paid that way. Many people support women but some people just throw us away like a dirty rag, And if that's how we get treated then why do you think that women work, get married and try to have a successful life... Well, it's because we want to make the extensive of our lives and we

want to have a world full of opportunities, even if that means not getting paid as much as men. The closest we have ever gotten to making the same amount of men was in 2015, we were getting 98 cents for every dollar men make. There are some women that are in the world that have made their own business so they could pay other women on how they think they should be paid.

2059 is when women are supposed to get paid as much as men. In the situation the government has put us in so far women are most likely to leave the workforce to provide unpaid care for their families. The gender pay gap is due to women spending estimate their jobs... but that's because they have a family to take care of and they need to provide care for their family. Student Taylor Stevens from bear canyon elementary quoted, " I think that the gender pay gap is unequal and offensive to young women like me." Another student Katlyn Loverige stated," Just because they are gender we should not be paid differently than men." Men make more than women in about five occupations, Police and Sheriff's, Bookkeeping, Accounting, Shopping Clerks and data entry Keyers. All of these jobs are titles as Pink-Collar jobs in which women are disproportionately respected.

In order for a woman to earn the average amount a man makes a year they would have to work until april 12, 2016. 2016 was the first equal pay day in the world women from all over came to celebrate this day and share equal rights with other women just like them. President Obama was being surrounded by happy women as he signed the waiver saying that women would be paid equally for that day.



There are many things we can do to help this problem, and there are a handful of people that do, but I think that a handful is not enough. I think that women are strong and powerful humans and just because we are getting paid differently that won't bring us down, but just imagine what we could do if we all got paid equally. Know after this essay how do you feel... how do you feel that when your about in your forties or so you will never get paid as much as a man?!?? Well you could help change that if you just act and not keep in your feelings and if we do that I believe that us women will someday have equal pay!