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Ruth Bader Ginsberg and Women's Rights



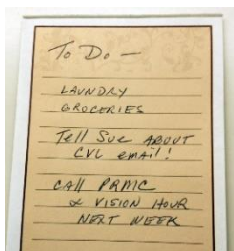
Education: Ruth Bader Ginsberg worked hard to ensure women's rights, including issues such as estate disputes and the right of women to have credit cards and loans in their own names. She even recognized that pregnancy discrimination was a form of sex discrimination, helping to pass the Pregnancy Discrimination Act in 1978, which protects women from discrimination by employers based on whether they are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. (1)

Justice Ginsberg herself had two children. Her first child was only 2 years old when she enrolled in Harvard Law School, and when her husband had intensive cancer treatment two years later, she cared for both him and their daughter while still in law school.(2) And yet, in spite of protecting women against pregnancy discrimination, and her own success without sacrificing her children, Justice Ginsberg also believed that abortion was needed to allow women control over their life, to be fully equal to men. But to say that a father can have children and be successful outside the home, but a mother cannot, is to imply that women are less capable. It means that women must sacrifice their children in order to be equal, while men need not make that sacrifice. It gives women the right to kill their preborn children, but men do not have that right. True equality for women means that women are treated equally as they are – with their ability to bear and care for children accepted as part of who they are. "The power to kill does not make women equal." (3)

1. <https://www.globalcitizen.org/en/content/gender-equality-laws-quotes-ruth-bader-ginsburg/>
2. <https://www.biography.com/law-figure/ruth-bader-ginsburg>
3. <https://www.liveaction.org/news/abortion-never-has-been-womens-equality/>



Prayer: Please, Lord, lead everyone seeking equal rights for women to understand that abortion is not only not necessary for equality, but subjects women to trauma that restricts their ability to be successful rather than improves it. Help both men and women to find the right balance between parenting and work outside the home. Help employers to be willing to make adjustments that may be needed to allow women to continue their career during child-bearing years. Help all judges in our court system to recognize the fundamental right to life of preborn children, and the harm that abortion has brought on our society.



Action: If you hear someone say that abortion is necessary for gender equality, explain that requiring women to sacrifice their children in order to "equal" in society is not equality. A woman by her nature is able to bear children, and only by being allowed to participate in society as she wishes even as she is bearing children, will she be truly equal. It is not gender equality to allow mothers the right to kill their children when fathers do not have that right, or the right to protect them.