

PASSAGE #5Redefined Roles

Equality in American gender roles continues to evolve and dates back prior to the 1920s when women gained the right to vote in the United States. However, the time immediately after women's suffrage saw little progress in women's voting rights for various reasons such as the Great Depression and wars. But it was World War II (WWII) that saw women storming the workforce by working in factories to help on the home-front while men were shipped off overseas. After the war, however, stereotypical gender roles returned and dominated the then-new medium of television where women were largely depicted as stay-at-home mothers. Scholars later indicate a tipping point that led to the downfall of traditional gender roles, the second wave of feminism, and the proposal of the Equal Rights Amendment to the US Congress.

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This led to public awareness about misogyny at home, in media, and in the workplace.

Select the best sentence to complete the story:

Gender roles have changed over time that led to more rights for women such as suffrage rights and employment rights, but progression of these rights has not always been linear, consistent, or permanent.

The second wave of feminism did not necessarily have far reaching effects on gender roles outside of the US, or even in all areas within the US, but the Equal Rights Amendment was passed in 1972 by Congress.

In the mid-1960s, Betty Friedan's book, "The Feminine Mystique," revealed the details of the average discontented housewife and oppressive decision making by men in power such as in advertising.