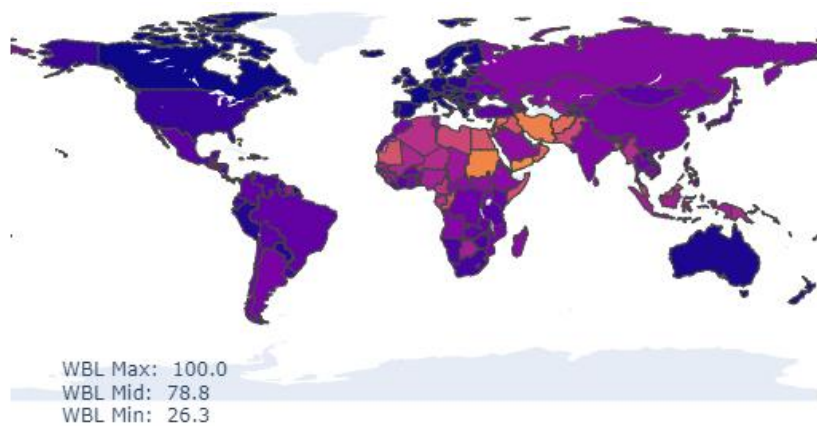
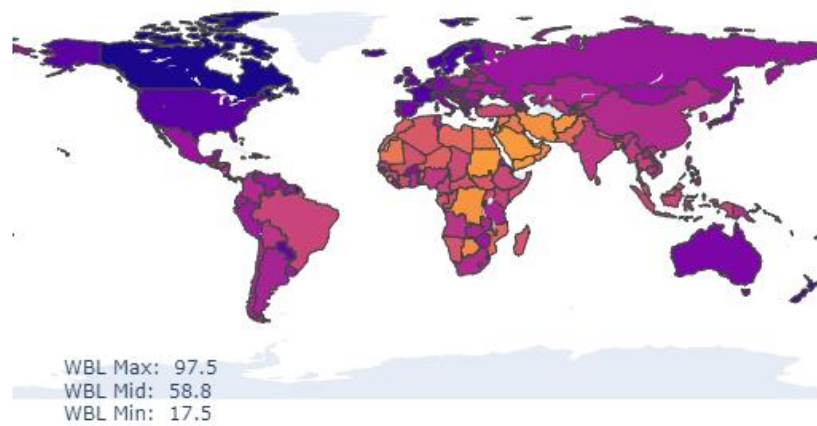
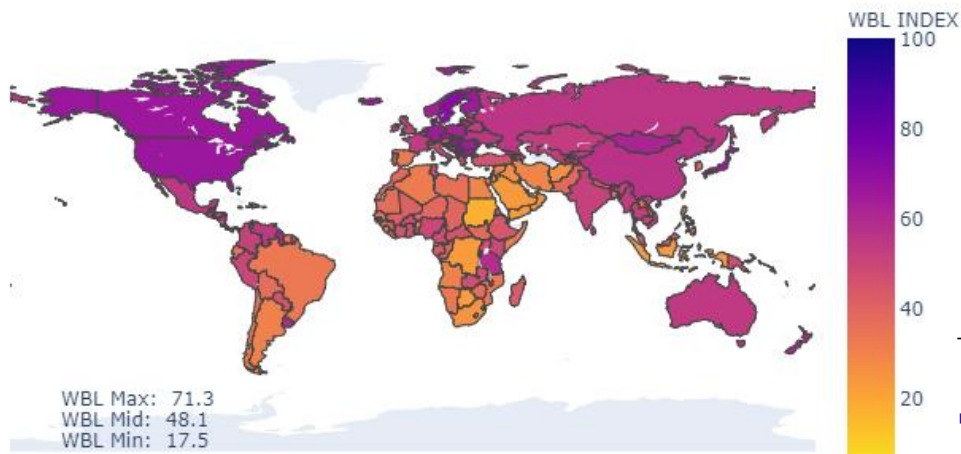


1971  
1995  
2020



# Gender Equality Progress over 50 years

based on Women, Business & Law indexing data (WBL)<sup>1</sup>

The maps reflect takeaways from prior weeks:

- Acceleration: global average WBL score increased significantly after 1995 due to **better workplace sexual harrassment legislation**
- Income Group: higher income nations are more likely to have a higher WBL score in 2020. It appears that **higher income nations also pioneer equality measures** overtime
- Middle East & Northern Africa: this region has the **greatest opportunity for improvement**, where 16/20 countries have increased by less than the global median scores

The WBL score is a good way to measure the implementation of gender equality policies. However, the enforcement of these policies may be compromised by other factors (i.e. corruption, war), which are not included in this dataset. Regardless, **the progress over the past 50 years as displayed by these maps provides a promising outlook for gender equality everywhere.**

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