# The Gender Policy Report: Call for Submissions

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**The Gender Policy Report (GPR)** is a non-partisan, multidisciplinary effort to produce and disseminate timely, gender-focused analyses of emerging policy proposals and developments. Gender Policy Report contributions clarify the gendered bases of policy practices and conflicts. They offer diverse public audiences informed perspectives on how policies matter for gender equality, gender equity and constructions of gender itself. Working across varied media platforms, the Gender Policy Report seeks to inform policy debates and improve public discourse. Our mission is to take the best insights from scholarship and research and make them accessible to broader communities in a way that is timely for addressing serious policy challenges.

What sets us apart? We are different from other sources of information because we draw on evidence-based, scholarly research. We distinguish our analyses from others through consistent attention to how gender intersects with other inequalities such as race, class, sexual orientation, immigration status, religion, and disability. We consider the implications for gender equality and equity of a broad range of policy areas, including, but not only, policy areas typically associated with gender or women.

**Call for Submissions**: Each area publishes original posts twice a month. We are eager to receive submissions and proposals from scholars with diverse perspectives across a broad spectrum of relevant issues. We are also committed to publishing work in a wide range of formats and communications styles.

**Examples of Content** include but are not limited to:

- *Policy Analysis Blog Posts* (500-1000 words): Short essays that weigh in on how serious attention to gender research may inform a policy proposal or policy development. The essay may clarify the gender implications of a policy that otherwise may not be evident.

- *Research Summary Blogs* (500-1000 words): Accessible, engaging summaries or reviews of existing research on gender and a specific policy. This public-friendly translation of a recent research article or book might use a current policy debate or development as its "hook".

- *Data posts* (3-4 figures with explanatory text)**:** Posts that focus on drawing attention to illuminating data visualizations in the form of charts, graphs, etc. Contributors would provide a short written introduction and a few lines to help readers interpret each data visual.

- *Multimedia Contributions***:** Video presentations, PowerPoint slide decks, audio podcasts…You name it, we're interested. Send us your ideas and teach us some new tricks!

**Gender Policy Report Written Submission Guidelines:**

*Style:* GPR content is aimed at a general audience. Please use a minimum of technical, academic or legal jargon; write simply and directly; use short sentences; use the active voice whenever possible. Provide background information for key political events, personalities, and so forth. Don't assume readers know very much about your topic.

*References:* Please use embedded hyperlinks to sources, data, events, and issues. Whenever possible, link to open sources available in English. We cannot publish pieces with footnotes or endnotes. If possible, please refer to previous GPR content in your article.

*Content:* Each contribution should directly link research to a contemporary US national policy concern. All contributions should have an intersectional perspective; this means we expect authors to consider, for example, how policies may have different implications for different individuals depending not just on gender, but also how gender relates to race, class, location, etc.

*Other Required Components:* 1) a short, but intriguing, suggested title; 2) a 20-30 word summary, designed to draw readers in; 3) a by-line. Include only your most important titles and affiliations, and hyperlink to your organization, personal website, or recent published works, if any.

*The Submission and Editing Process:* Please submit your piece to the curator or editor who initially solicited your participation or to Managing Editor Debra Fitzpatrick, harex004@umn.edu. The curator or Managing Editor will give your piece a quick read to see if it fits our mission. If yes, we'll let you know, and begin the editing process. Within two weeks (depending on how timely the piece is), we'll return an edited version with suggestions and requests. Please return the next draft to us as quickly as possible with changes tracked. We may send another version back, as we take the writing and editing process very seriously. The better your contribution, the broader the audience will likely be. We'll schedule publication as soon as possible, once editing is complete. We typically publish two articles per week, and vary by topic areas and relevance to current policy developments.

*Article Dissemination:* When your piece is published, we'll notify you and ask you to disseminate through your own networks and social media. We'll do the same through our Facebook and Twitter channels as well as by email.

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