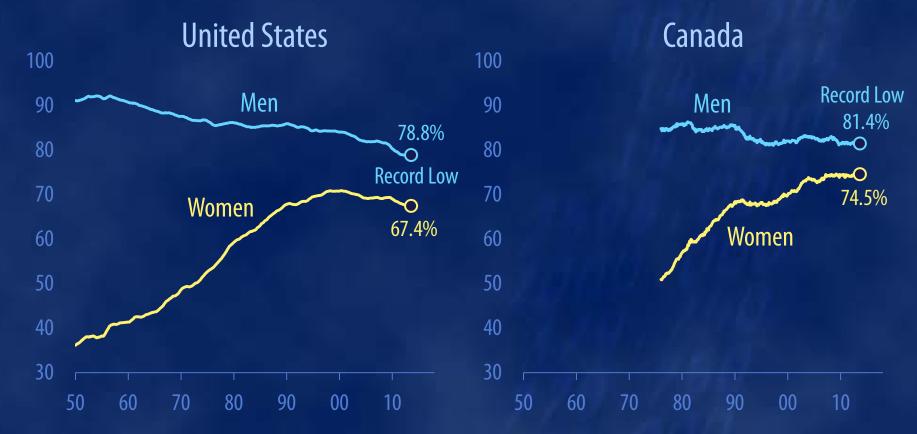
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## **Participation Rates**

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#### **Record lows for men**

Adults in Workforce: US - 16-64 year old Canada - 15-64 year old

# **Job Losses During Recession**



#### US

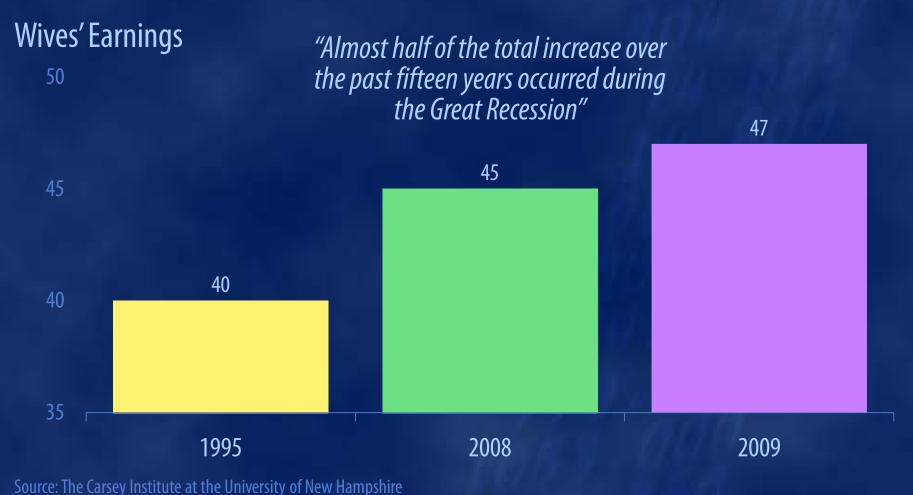
8.6 million jobs lost 68% men

#### Canada

431,000 jobs lost 75% men

## Working Wives Contribute More to Family Income

United States (% of family earnings)



#### **Reversal of Educational Attainment**



University Degrees – United States (% of gender)

1970 20% of men 12% of women

2010 28% of men 36% of women

**US-born Caucasians** (age 30-44)

First cohort in history to have more women than men with college degrees

Source: Pew Research Center

#### **Women Earn:**



60% of BAs

60% of Masters Degrees

50% of Medical and Law Degrees

42% of all MBAs

46% of Engineering and Science Degrees

More than 50% of all PhDs

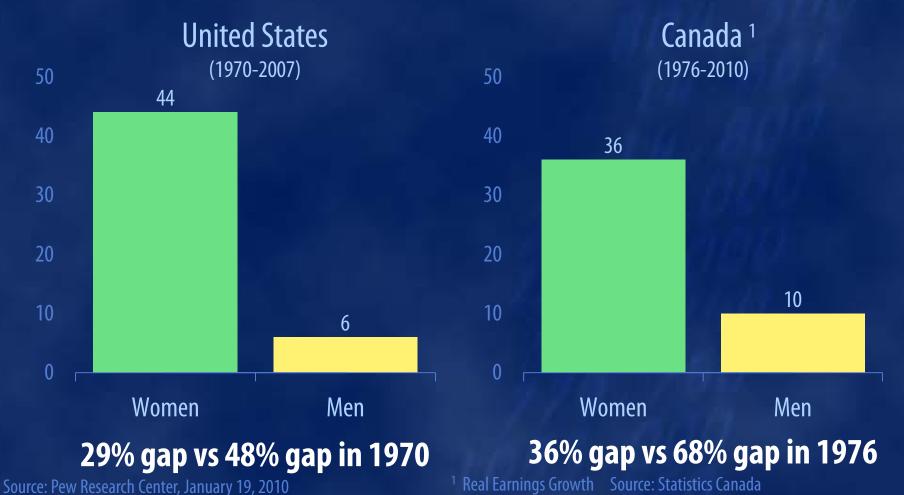
...All ratios rising fast

## 40% of mothers are the primary breadwinners (many single)

Source: Pew Research Center, January 19, 2010

## **Closing the Gap**

Earnings Growth – Full-time Workers (% chng)



## **Gender Equality Good for Business**



Women increasingly better educated

Improved performance

Better corporate governance

Women make most spending decisions

#### **Barriers:**

Masculine or patriarchal corporate culture

Few role models

**Cultural norms** 

## **Canada's Competitive Position Has Slipped**



Decline in international rankings of gender diversity on corporate boards

## **Mandatory Quotas Move Europe Ahead**



#### **Female director quotas:**

France Iceland Netherlands Norway Spain

40% quota

Belgium Germany Sweden

Discussing

EU proposes 40% as a minimum

#### **G7...** Female Public Board Members

(% of public board members that are women)

#### **Women Board Members**



Norway is 40%

Source: Catalyst, Inc.

#### **Women Are:**



51% of managers and professionals

54% of accountants

60% of pharmacists

33% of physicians

45% of lawyers

Both rising fast

### **But only 3% of Fortune 500 CEOs**

Source: Pew Research Center, January 19, 2010

## Female Entrepreneurs... A Powerful Force



Canada has the largest share of women entrepreneurs (33%)

5.3% average annual growth rate since 1976 (men 2.2%)

Earn less than employed women

## Rapid growth for women > 55 years of age

Source: Women's Enterprise Centre

#### **National Share of Female Executives Still Low**



	Canada US (percent)	
Women in workforce	47	47
Executives	18	14
CEOs .	5	3 *

## Far from parity with men

Source: Catalyst, Inc.

\* CEOs of S&P 500 companies

## Low Gender Gap Directly Correlates to **Economic Competitiveness**



Global Gender Gap Index – 2010 [#1 has lowest gender gap]

1	Iceland	11	Spain
2	Norway	12	South Africa
3	Finland	13	Germany
4	Sweden	14	Belgium
5	New Zealand	15	United Kingdon
6	Ireland	16	Sri Lanka
7	Denmark	17	Netherlands
8	Lesotho	18	Latvia
9	Philippines	19	<b>United States</b>
10	Switzerland	20	Canada

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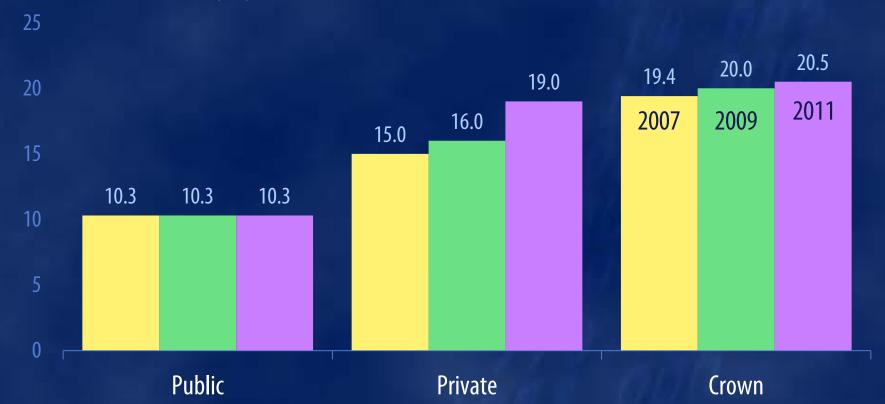
US and Canada squeak into Top 20

Source: World Economic Forum

## **Large Corporations Still Discriminate Most**

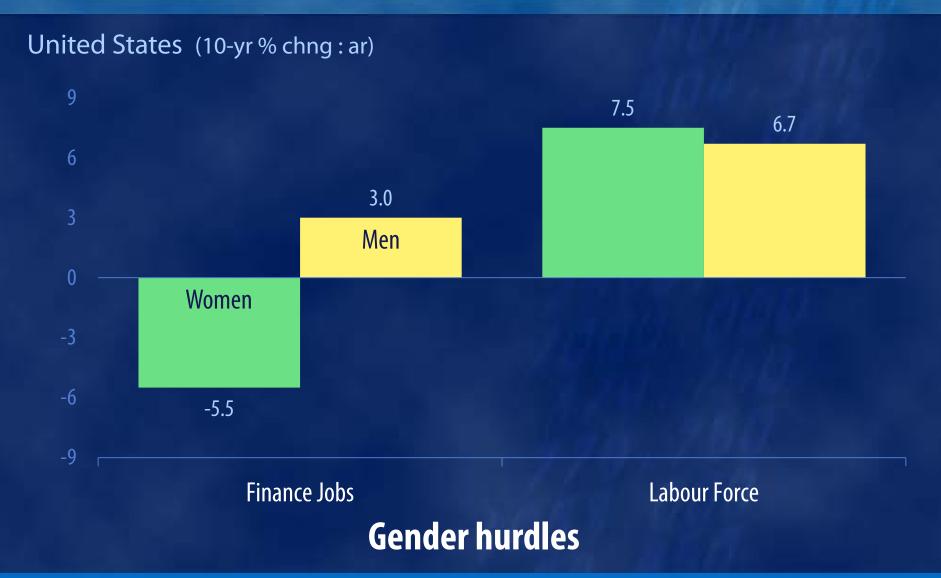
Canada (% of executives)

Female Executives, by Type of Firm



Source: Catalyst, Inc.

### **Fewer Females in Finance**



## **Ontario Pushing to Increase Women on Boards**



Set targets:

"Comply or explain"

Australian results:

8.3% in 2009 to 15.7%

Canada stuck at 10%

More than 40% of Canadian public companies have no women on boards

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