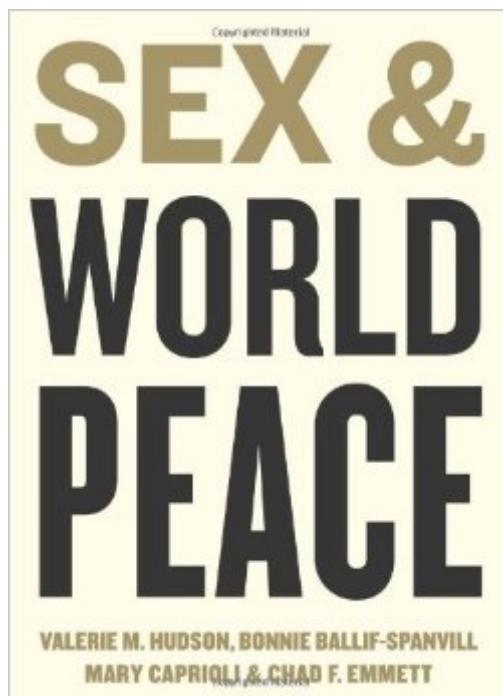


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# Sex And World Peace: Sex, Death, And Hierarchy In A Chinese City



## **Synopsis**

Sex and World Peace unsettles a variety of assumptions in political and security discourse, demonstrating that the security of women is a vital factor in the security of the state and its incidence of conflict and war. The authors compare micro-level gender violence and macro-level state peacefulness in global settings, supporting their findings with detailed analyses and color maps. Harnessing an immense amount of data, they call attention to discrepancies between national laws protecting women and the enforcement of those laws, and they note the adverse effects on state security of abnormal sex ratios favoring males, the practice of polygamy, and inequitable realities in family law, among other gendered aggressions. The authors find that the treatment of women informs human interaction at all levels of society. Their research challenges conventional definitions of security and democracy and shows that the treatment of gender, played out on the world stage, informs the true clash of civilizations. In terms of resolving these injustices, the authors examine top-down and bottom-up approaches to healing wounds of violence against women, as well as ways to rectify inequalities in family law and the lack of parity in decision-making councils. Emphasizing the importance of an R2PW, or state responsibility to protect women, they mount a solid campaign against women's systemic insecurity, which effectively unravels the security of all.

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Sex and World Peace explains the situation of women around the world in an accessible way. You

don't need a PhD to understand the research and conclusions. It is a brilliant collection of stories and analysis and paints a picture of how the world really is. This book is different from all other socio-political views of the world because it actually recognizes the important role women play in societies. Not only does this book point out the issues women face, it also provides pragmatic solutions for every level's involvement. It is not another depressing book that overwhelms the reader with the horrors of being a woman. It states the realities and gives ways that we can realistically change things for the better. Reading this book helped me to know how I can fight for the equality of men and women around the world.

--- Wow! If you are female and under the age of 99 years this is a must read for you. If you are Male and under the age of 110 this is a must read for you. This book highlights the thoughts that we have all been thinking for years with sound research and stories of women around the world. It deals not only with women in the United States, but in many both developed and third world. It takes a hard look at the way women have been suppressed by men in power. In light of the Supreme Court Decision regarding affordable health care I have re-read the book. We need more women in the decision making process in this ever shrinking world of instant communication. I am afraid that the only way we are going to get that is for women to seek the power of politics, not only of government but of the home. I believe this book should be required reading for every undergraduate, If you are a College or University professor put it on your list, and talk about its implications with your students.

Excellent book on gender and world politics. The authors make a fine case for the connection between a nation's culture, laws, and attitudes toward gender and its disposition toward peace. Better attitudes and treatment of women could help the progress of peace in our world. The book contains considerable useful data about cultural feelings about women, education of women, laws regarding women, familial status, crimes against women, etc., for various countries, and it suggests various ways, top down and bottom up, for coping with and improving these matters. Everyone should read it to understand today's world views on women!

A fascinating read that changed how I look at women's rights and politics. This book keeps you interested with compelling stories about women all around the world--how they are oppressed and how they are taking a stand. It's not just interesting though. The authors totally back up their arguments with impressive statistics. Such important information! I wish everyone would read it.

It is amazing that on the stage of current events and world history we forget to include women. This book is an amazing conglomeration of research on the power of women in world peace and international development. I firmly believe that to have peace and to increase equality we must include women and men equally on the world stage.

This book contains some startling statistics about domestic abuse worldwide. I believe that the goal of the book is to highlight the many problems that countries have when they don't provide gender equality. Specifically, when women are seen as chattel and are given no freedoms. The countries who don't recognize women's worth are the countries that are having some of the worst crime rates and less peace throughout the world. While the book delivers some startling ideas about how women are (and have been) abused throughout the ages, it contains way too much statistical data for the average reader. I do, however, recommend reading it. The first two chapters will inform the reader in an easy to understand manner. However, I got bogged down in tables and statistics until I decided to scan those chapters. It was probably written as a textbook for grad students. Let's hope we can all become better informed about this kind of gender inequality as we move further into the future.

Prof. Hudson is a phenom. Discouraged by her male colleagues at BYU from pursuing this kind of research, she has left them behind and is probably making half again as much as any of them does just by publishing information that could do more to improve the lot of human beings than could any other set of possible remedies. What will the government of China do with its tens of millions of men who cannot find wives, institute polyandry, endorse a great deal of prostitution, what?

This book is posing a simple thesis: the treatment of women and girls is a reliable indicator of levels of peace and prosperity, nationally and globally. In fact, the basic premise is so straight forward and rationale, it is a wonder that there are not many texts proving the same hypothesis. The authors use a broad set of variables to analyze the treatment of women and girls in every region of the world, effectively comparing and contrasting different nations successes and challenges. This book has become a cornerstone text in my own teaching and research. I hope to see more of these scholars research in the future. The text is very readable and approachable, and the evidence is broad, logically presented, and analyzed well. This book is a must read.

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