

Women: America's Last Best Hope

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In 2004, Kimberly Fletcher informs her readers, "I decided we needed a new organization for women—one that would represent the *real* women of America—those of us who like men, love our country, put our family first ... Even after forming Homemakers for America, it became apparent to me that most women still have no idea what feminism really stands for."

Author Kimberly Fletcher wastes no time in taking on the political and volatile issue of women's role in American society. With well-researched information and a strong sense of the moral challenges of our world, she instructs women, through the use of historical facts and figures and her own ideals, on the role of women.

She tackles hot topics and minces no words. Agree or disagree with her stance, Fletcher provides relevant information in an orderly and well-developed format.

Discussing subjects ranging from NOW (the National Organization for Women) to patriotism, homemaking, and raising children, she encourages women to study history and to play an active role in their local communities. Fletcher is an advocate of "making your voice heard." She exhorts women to stand up for their beliefs.

She urges her readers to study women in American history, as well as to read the comments of men who credited much of their success to their mothers and wives. George Washington said, "All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her." Benjamin Rush stated, "The women of America have at last become principals in the glorious American controversy."

Many of the Founding Fathers made similar statements. Fletcher writes, "The wives of the founders were in the fight for freedom just as much as their husbands ... They were treated with utmost respect—honored and revered by their husbands and their children."

At the end of each chapter, Fletcher provides quotes from the Founding Fathers and others, as well as suggested readings.

Fletcher is the president of Homemakers for America, the organization she founded, former vice president of the Dayton Tea Party, and founder and former executive director of the Abigail Adams Project. She is also the wife of an Air Force officer and mother of eight children.

Her husband was working at the Pentagon when terrorists attacked it on September 11, 2001. The unity that she saw in the country for the year following the attacks and her belief in the power of women's voices propelled her to action. Her mission is to inspire the women of America because, as mothers, they hold the future in their hands.

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