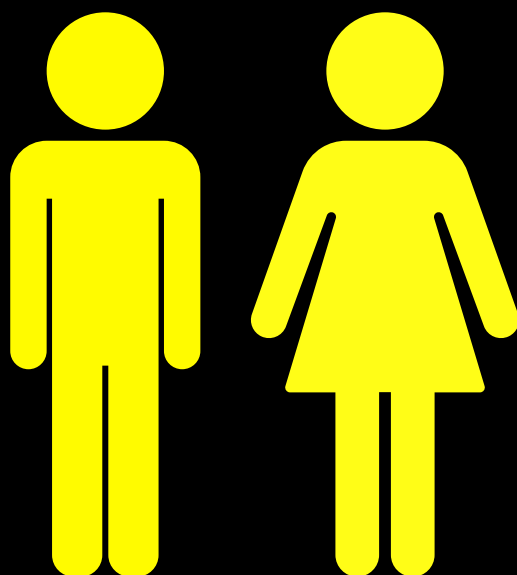


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At birth, is a girl as likely to become as rich as a boy? In today's developed societies, where women have jobs and are independent, surveys reveal invisible mechanisms at every stage of their lives that are reinforced by institutional practices inherited from the past and contribute to their impoverishment.

Summary

Statistics testify to the financial inferiority of women in today's developed societies. Although they're supposed to be independent, what is this curse that prevents women from earning as much money as men? From a very early age, little girls are taught certain things and raised according to old customs. They get less pocket money than their brothers, who ask for more... A difference in approach that is set to stay that way in the years to come. Girls are better at school, they do better in higher education, but they often end up choosing less lucrative careers. Is their "natural" attraction to nursing professions real or artificial? When they choose "better paid" careers, they usually come up against the so-called "glass ceiling". But even if they were paid the same as men, the issue would remain entirely the same. For they are subject to invisible but very powerful mechanisms. They suffer a "motherhood penalty" following the birth of each new child. On top of the "glass ceiling", they also come up against the "motherhood ceiling". Discrimination against women in the workplace spills over into their personal lives, where unpaid domestic work organizes gradually their impoverishment... a long-identified problem that continues to poison women's lives. In France, Germany, and the United States, the institutions sometimes strengthen the advantage acquired by men. In the end, women work more than men, but make less, far less money. And by the time they realize this, it's usually too late. If they are separated, they suffer a violent downgrading, often having to take care of the kids. Either way, their pensions are lower. Women are waking up to the fact that they must take their financial destiny into their own hands... if they don't, they'll lose their independence.

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