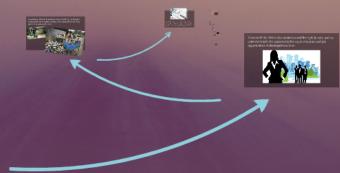
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Ancient civilizations, including the Romans, Greeks, Persians, and even in medieval times, woman had no say in the financial decisions of the household. It was rather, the responsibility of the man in the family.





For centuries, women were marginalized completely, and were rarely financially independent members of society

It was until the 1920's that women earned the right to vote, and so came eventually the opportunity for equal education and job opportunities in developed countries.



Nevertheless, third world countries remained with the traditional or "established" role of women, making it even more difficult for these countries to grow and flourish.





Even today, banks and financial corporation are providing less loans to women compared to men. Women's loans sizes are on average smaller in size to men's, even if both men and woman belong to the same credit program, community, and lending group.

# Little do they know, that woman can actually create an impact on the lifestyle of the household.

