

Ruth Bader Ginsburg's Breakthrough on Sex-based Discrimination

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Before two years ago, I would not have known who Ruth Bader Ginsburg was or why she mattered to me. Within these past two years, movies, documentaries, memes, nicknames, and books were created about her. After watching “Notorious RBG” and “On the Basis of Sex” I became very involved in who this woman is and the impact she has on me and so many others. To me Ruth Bader Ginsburg represents the ultimate form of feminism and girl power. Her impact has inspired the lives of many and encourages women to fight for equality like she did.

The most helpful tool in researching my topic was the internet; there was an abundance of sources ranging from videos, movies, interviews, websites, oral arguments from the case, and much more. It offered a wide range of information and multiple different ways to enhance the understanding of her significance within our society. When I was watching her documentary and movie I didn’t know that in a couple months I would be using her as my topic, but these two sources were very helpful in my awareness of who she was and what she did. The background they gave me before entering NHD helped me further navigate how I wanted to go about this project and what I needed further research.

The video included in my website was one of the most helpful sources I had because it helped with the backstory, which ultimately was the reason she went down the path she did; gender equality. The video shows the personal experience she had with gender discrimination which led her to want to make change she did. The other most helpful source was Oyez. On Oyez they had the oral argument from the case “Weinberger v. Wiesenfeld” as well as the opinion announcement. These were physical sources in which I could hear what happened in court, the tones of those speaking, and other information brought up within the courtroom.

In the making of my website I ran into a couple of problems, one of which was learning how to write simple code to implement in my website. It took time, patience, the internet, and the help of my brother to teach me how to write what I needed to. The other problem I ran into was once I started writing my information for my website I realized I needed more pictures to support my information.

As the political climate shifted a lot throughout the past couple of years, gender equality has become a hot topic and many current issues have highlighted this. My topic demonstrates the breakthrough that started all this turmoil around gender equality. The conversation around gender discrimination stemmed from Ruth Bader Ginsburg proving the negative impact it has on society. She took on something that, in the 70s, was incomprehensible for a woman to achieve, and through it all she went on to become the first Jewish Supreme Court Justice and the second woman to serve as a Supreme Court Justice.