

Against the pushback, we #PushForward

When women's rights go backwards, the only answer is to keep pushing forwards. This powerful video explains more.

Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

Vocabulary

1. a quest
2. a pushback
3. an assault
4. mounting
5. to go unchecked
6. momentum
7. to enshrine
8. to advocate

Definition

- a. a negative reaction or opposition to something
- b. to continue freely, without limits
- c. to protect something officially, e.g. by including it in a law or policy
- d. a violent attack
- e. to publicly show your support for something
- f. a long search for something valuable or important
- g. the energy that keeps a moving object moving and makes it hard to stop
- h. increasing or growing

Tasks

Task 1

What rights and goals are mentioned in the video? Choose the five correct answers.

- _____ Gender equality
- _____ Fair and equal wages
- _____ Women making decisions about their own bodies
- _____ Receiving an education
- _____ Access to quality healthcare
- _____ Voting
- _____ The right to live free from violence

Task 2

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

action	back	forward	momentum
obstacles	rights	unchecked	won

- Sometimes it seems as though a step forward for women's rights is followed by two steps
- Unfortunately, girls' education faces mounting
- Now is the time to add to the women's rights movement, so that the hard-..... progress is not undone.
- Although some people push back against women's rights, we should push
- We must not allow violence to go Instead, we must take to end violence.
- We can make progress if we enshrine women's in laws.

Discussion

How do you think we can push forward? Are you hopeful for women's rights in the future?

Answers

Preparation task

1. f
2. a
3. d
4. h
5. b
6. g
7. c
8. e

Task 1

1. Gender equality
2. Women making decisions about their own bodies
3. Receiving an education
4. Voting
5. The right to live free from violence

Task 2

1. back
2. obstacles
3. momentum, won
4. forward
5. unchecked, action
6. rights