

Status Of Women in History

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(Summary of Article in Farsi)

Women have been active in acquiring their own rights as well as having fought for freedom and democracy in general.

In spite of men having deprived women of their ordinary rights they have succeeded in playing important roles in politics and influencing men in power.

Women as mother have asserted their influence on society and in the upbringing of all the important personalities.

Women have ruled as queens in countries like Russia, England, Iceland, Portuguese, Denmark, Sweden and others.

Christopher Columbus was sent on his mission to find America by a queen.

Women in the West were looked upon as having been created for men while men were created for God. While in the East women had been able to asset more influence on society. The proof of this can be seen on the ancient Iranian coins where women occupy one side of the coins.

In the Yasht we see many names of women who have been remembered for their deeds. Women in Avesta have equal status in family matters and their names have been mention with their husbands.

In the 6th century BCE among the Saka's it was a custom for the queen to succeed her husband after his death till an heir was named. A Saka queen "Tamiris" stood against Kurosh the Great in a war and finally Kurosh was killed in that war.

It is worth noting that Bahman of the Kiayanian dynasty chose his daughter Homai as his heir and she ruled for 32 years.

During the Sasanian rule Pourandokht became a queen who ruled successfully and upon her death her sister Azarmidokht took over.

Till the end of the 6 & 7th century women often enjoyed such powers.

A Sogdian queen who ruled on behalf of her infant son is known to have fought against many Arab invaders and saved Samargand and Bokhara from falling into their hands.

Rabehai was a well know poet in Tajikistan during the time of Roudaki. Shahdeh a Tajik was an activist who spoke in public.

Other Tajik women that need to be named are Mahsati who was a poet and Razzyeh Azad who is a contemporary poet in Tajikistan.
