



LE PROJET IMAGINE - THE HUMBLE HEROES

presents



WOMEN AND MEN

Δ film by FRÉDÉRIQUE BEDOS

With the participation of UN-Women, CEDAW, FAO, and French Ministry of Women's Rights.

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Synopsis

From North to South, from occidental cities to the smallest villages, gender inequality prevails. Whatever the religion, culture or level of education, women are discriminated against... By making a shocking overview of today's situation, this feature appeals to true historical, political and economic issues of the discriminations all over the world.

Through a collection of key testimonies, « WOMEN AND MEN » makes us realize that, to face contemporary challenges, the path of equality for all is the path of progress.

Official Screenings

● 2016

Sénat - Paris

International Women Day, 8th of March 2016.

● 2015

UNESCO - Paris

4th International Forum on the role of women in the fight against poverty, 29th of June 2015.

United Nations - New York

Closing of the 59th Worldwide Summit on Women's Condition, 13th of March 2015.

United Nations - Geneva

International Women Day and ending of the 28th session of the Council for Human Rights, 6th of March 2015.

Matignon Hotel - Paris

The following day of the Charlie Hebdo and Hyper Cacher shootings, 23rd of January 2015.

Assemblée Nationale - Paris

With the support of the External Affairs Ministry, debate on « Women against Extremism », 17th of September 2015.

Film made in collaboration with:



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Project note

It would be natural to think that women's condition is improving. Sadly, indisputable facts show us that it is the exact contrary ! Women Rights are worsening, violence is multiplying and expanding all over the world.

Women represent 70% of the world's poverty, and 1 woman out of 3 (even in Europe) suffers from, at least once in her life, physical violence. Behind the figures, there are women and there are also men. I wanted to have a global and profoundly human sight on the prominent role of equality between women and men. With the help of exigent testimonies, **WOMEN AND MEN** makes us realize that to face our era's challenges, equality for all is the way to progress.

An incarnated writing

Frédérique Bedos shares with us the result of a year of investigation on the field. In front of her cameras, it is the situation of women in Europe, Middle East, China, India and Africa that are depicted and impact us. In a constructive and goodwill approach, the filmmaker accompanies the viewers in their conclusion and their questions on the impact of the inequality of sexes.

Far from the clichés or an ideological speech, she focuses on facts, thus shedding a new light on the subject. Making the viewers want to act, women and men alike.

The protagonists



« Poverty, Inequality, peace and security, all those big 21st Century problems cannot be solved without the empowerment of women and gender equality. The lives of mothers have to improve so that they will be able to address the quality of life of their own children. If we do not fix this with women, they give birth to the next generation of poor and so on and so on. In this case we are not progressing but moving backwards! »

Phumzile MLAMBO-NGCUKA

Under-General Secretary of the United Nations, Executive Director of UN Women



« Equality between men and women directly impacts the reduction of poverty and hunger in the world. We estimate that if women had the same access to productive resources in agriculture as men, more than a hundred million people would no longer suffer from hunger! »

Marcela VILLARREAL

Director of partnerships at the FAO



« Equality has often been considered a women's issue. However, it is a social issue. Moreover, it concerns democracy and peace. It is a matter of social balance and influences the progress of humankind - it is a universal issue. Let us not forget that we are in a world of men, built by men and for men. **For centuries, women have been the objects of law and not subjects of law.** »

Nicole AMELINE

President of CEDAW



« **The Lehman Sisters wouldn't have done what the Lehman Brothers did...** Because our sight on things is different, different aspects could have given more ethics, more realism and less competition. The business world should promote education, formation, and access to professional life to women... **We cannot deprive ourselves from half of the planet in terms of intelligence, engagement...** »

Patricia BARBIZET

General Director of Artémis



« What happened in 1949, when the Communists took power in China, **is that Mao, at least administratively, thought that women should be equal to men.** It was a tremendous change in China. But deep down, there's still a huge stigmatization... The female voice is not heard enough in Chinese politics. »

Huang HUNG

Elected of of the 100 most influential personalities by Time magazine in 2011, Chinese media figure.



« Evacide is a secret form of genocide that is being carried out against women even before they are born. It crosses all classes, castes and religions. **There are 37 million more men than women in India. It is a question of international security!** »

Rama MANI

Expert in international security. Oxford University Advisor at the World Future Council.



« Sisters in Islam first began as a response to the problems Muslim women face when they go to the sharia courts, as a response to all the misogynistic and unjust pronouncements **made against women in the name of Islam.** As a believer, as a Muslim who utterly believes that anything done in the name of Islam has got to be just, it led me to deal with this issue: **'Is this really Islam?'** »

Zainah ANWAR

Muslim feminist from Malaysia. Direct the consultative international Musawah (Equality in the Muslim Family) and develops the « Sisters in Islam » NGO.



« Let's not ask ourselves if religions are misogynists. Let us ask ourselves if religious traditions are misogynists today, at the 21st century... **Sadly we have to be honest and admit that very often, those who speak on behalf of traditions, their official representatives, are misogynist. Those who assert that women have always worn a full-face veil or a burqa are not stating historical truth...In the name of decency, the writings are interpreted in an obscene way.** »

Delphine HORVILLEUR

Rabbi from the Liberal Jewish Movement in France



« My definition of feminism is **to ensure that women are being treated like human beings**. Therefore, men can be just as feminist as women. »

Marwa SHARAFELDIN Activiste égyptienne.

Egyptian activist. Researcher in Oriental and African Studies at London University



« **Suddenly I became a victim**. I was like a piece of meat thrown in Tahir Square. I never thought that a thing like that could happen to me. I'd thought about abductions, bombs of course, shootings, ... but never of rape. I never thought that it could happen to me in broad daylight in a public place while reporting. But I was saved! And if I was saved, it is not to keep my mouth shut! **If a journalist won't speak, who will speak in their place?!** »

Caroline SINZ

International Reporter



« Today we have recurring conflicts, not new ones. 50% of peace agreements fail within 5 years! Why? **Because 50% of the population that is impacted by war, women and children, is not at the negotiating table.** »

Pr Scilla ELWORTHY

Founder of the « Oxford Research Group » and of « Peace Direct ». Member of « World Future Council »

and...

Amna GUELLALI, Human Right Watch. Directs the Tunisia, Middle East and North Africa office | **Anne BARING**, Jungian analyst and writer | **Dr Olivier BERNARD** president of « Médecins du Monde » from 2006 to 2009 | **Taghreed ELSANHOURI**, Anglo-Sudanese film director | **Françoise GASPARD**, historian, sociologue, and international expert on women's rights | **Memona HINTERMANN**, international reporter. Member of the « Conseil Supérieur de l'Audiovisuel » | **Amiral Alain BÉREAU** In charge of feminization in the French National Navy | **Marie DERAÏN**, children defender, Right Defender Deputy | **Qasim HASHIMZAI**, principal advisor to the Justice Minister at the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan | **Pramila PATTEN**, expert at CEDAW | **Zahia ZIOUANI**, | **Dr Serge HEFEZ** psychiatrist and psychoanalyst | **Ruth HALPERIN-KADDARI** expert at CEDAW, Family Law specialist.

Production : The Humble Heroes - Le Projet Imagine
Year : 2014
France - Switzerland - Egypt - England
Subtitles : English - Spanish - Allemand - Danish - Russian -
Dutch - Polish - Swedish - Romanian - Arabic - Japanese -
Mandarin - Portuguese - Vietnamese, Korean, Turkish and
Indonesian Bahasa. -



Frédérique Bedos

Director - Producer - Founder of The Humble Heroes NGO



[« How to dare take risks to live an intense life ? »](#)

Biography

Frédérique Bedos has been a journalist for 15 years and TV or radio host in France and internationally. She animated numerous prestigious shows running in prime time. In 2010, she decided to jump into the unknown to found the Humble Heroes NGO, an information NGO that made its goal to inspire to action.

Her first inspiration, her adoptive parents from north of France that have brought her in as well as more than twenty « inadoptables » from the whole world.

With the Humble Heroes NGO, Frédérique sheds light on women and men that are adventuring into the unknown and make us realize that everything is possible. The « Humble Heroes ».

Filmography

- Jean Vanier, the sacrament of tenderness, 2016
- Equality in the professional environment, 2014
- Restaurative Justice, 2012
- La collection « Héros Imagine »:

Pierre Gay | Martin Maindiaux, 2014 | Jean-Guy Henckel, 2012 | Dominique Pace, 2012 | Jean-Pierre et Marie-Anne Kuhn, 2011 | Ryadh Sallem, 2010

Production

- Docteur Devi Shetty, one « Great Soul », 2016



THE HUMBLE HEROES: THE INFORMATION NGO WHOSE GOAL IS TO INSPIRE TO ACT !

The features from the Humble Heroes NGO have as a mission to inform, inspire and call to action. They all obey to a unique and original editorial line that is to practice Journalism with Hope.

Through our documentary catalogue, and through our respectful and goodwill, our movies are turned toward the future and puts Humanity at the heart of things.

Television channels that are partners of the Humble Heroes, follow a dynamic that is modern and very implemented; they bring into their programs a little soulful something. They fulfill the viewers' hunger for a meaning and thirst for enlightenment. Thanks to those medias, we may create a contagious symptom and a truly beautiful dynamic, alike to those that build a better and durable world.

Towards a responsible and innovative screening agreement that puts the viewer at the heart of your programs.

As an NGO, the acquisition conditions of the Humble Heroes production can be free of rights. In that constructive and innovative canvas, we offer to your viewers the possibility to contribute with a call for donations. The first screening partners:





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