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From Generation to Generation: We All Must Stick Together



According to the new documentary series “Girl Rising” from CNN, with more education, more girls will become more empowered. In CNN’s Girl Rising project, their “Dear Girls of the World” campaign showcases letters written by celebrities as a message of empowerment for education. As Christiane Amanpour wrote in one letter, “education = empowerment,” and it’s time for us to match that sentiment.

Actress Freida Pinto: **“We need to use our educated voices to raise awareness in our families, communities, countries and the world and say we cannot and will not ignore our sisters anymore. They have the same rights as we do, and there can be no discrimination. We can and must hold our governments accountable and ask them to give us the answers and results we deserve.**

**You hold our future in your hands. I believe in you.”**

Journalist Christiane Amanpour: **“Almost 800 million people worldwide are illiterate; two-thirds of them are women and girls. Imagine a world where they could actually read and write and do basic math for accounting — that is how the world will change. Women are much more likely than men to use their earnings for the good of the family, rather than spending it on alcohol or other things for themselves.**

**It’s *high* time the rest of the world caught on. Go girls! Power the world! We can do it.”**

Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah of Jordan: **“I think of the millions of courageous girls all over the Arab world and beyond who, every day, summon inner strength, surmount barriers and make a difference in their communities.**

**But as the political, social and economic plates shift and settle around our region, there’s**

**never been a better time for girls to rise up and share their talents with society. And, girls! Society has never needed you more.**

**If one girl with courage is a revolution, imagine what feats we can achieve together.”**

If one woman holds passion and commitment, then thousands can accomplish anything. And that includes changing the world.

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