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Gender Inequality in Hollywood

The American entertainment industry is a cultural force that pervades and influences perceptions of morality, emotion, humanity, you name it -- not only in the U.S., but internationally. The motion picture stories we grew up with taught us about good and evil, about people, and about the world. Yet, nearly 100% of these stories come from only 49% of the population -- men. Women are grossly underrepresented in positions of creative power in Hollywood: their talents have no stage and their stories have no voice. Why the discrepancy? Are men simply better filmmakers than women? Or is there some other explanation? This presentation will explore several facets of this highly complex issue and attempt to debunk its possible sources.