

BUSINESS, SOCIETY & ETHICS

Debate #6: This House Believes Qatar Should Require Quotas for Female Executive Board Members

As you read the material for our next class, keep the questions below in mind. To answer these questions you will have to reflect critically on what you have read and possibly re-read important passages. Keep in mind that there are two basic kinds of information that you need to look for in the reading:

1. What are the main points or conclusions that an author accepts with respect to a particular issue?
2. What are the reasons, important considerations, and evidence that lead the author to accept that conclusion?

For our purposes, *it is information of the second sort that will be our primary concern* since our most basic task is to *evaluate the reasons and evidence* that are offered to support accepting one possible conclusion about an issue, rather than another.

Although I strongly suggest that you write out brief answers to these questions, you do not have to turn in written responses. You do, however, need to be prepared to speak intelligently about these issues at our next class meeting.

Questions

1. What seem to be the strongest arguments that support and justify this debate's motion?
2. What seem to be the strongest arguments that critique and reject this debate's motion?

Readings

- Qatar National Development Strategy, "Increasing Women's Empowerment".
- Table, "Comparative Percentages of Women Directors by Country".
- Sheikha Aisha bint Faleh Al-Thani, "Women in Qatar: Quotas, Qualifications, and Qatarization".
- Alison Smale & Claire Cain Miller, "Germany Sets Gender Quota in Boardrooms".
- Nicola Clark, "Getting Women Into Boardrooms, by Law".
- Claire Cain Miller, "Women on the Board: Quotas Have Limited Success".
- Carrie Lukas, "Boardroom Quotas Won't Help Women".
- Jill Treanor, "Norway's Female Boardroom Pioneer Rejects Quotas for Women".
- Kimberly D. Krawiec, "What Does Corporate Boardroom Diversity Accomplish?"
- Brande Stellings, "Female Board Members Are Good for Business".
- Julie Suk, "A Way to Legitimize Corporate Governance".