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A Revolution for Women in Libya



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Libyans are in the midst of dramatic change, trying to build a new political system after four decades of dictatorship. For Libyan women, the stakes are high.

"The revolution made us proud to be there on the front line," said Selwa Bugaighis, a lawyer. "But now there are some who think it is time for women to go home."

Although a number of women were elected to parliament in 2012, these gains are fragile. To help ensure equality, women should participate fully in drafting the new constitution. Gaddafi-era laws should be changed, like laws that discourage women from reporting sexual assault.

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