Gender and Politics in Ancient Rome has had a great influence on the world we live in today. It has influenced how we perceive each sex and the roles attributed to them. Women have expanded their political roles and have influenced the way men have seen women for ages. As the world continues to develop and grow, so do our beliefs of women and their roles in society.

Women's Roles
- Women were excluded from publicly recognized offices that allowed independent action.
- Women played an indirect role in Roman Politics, by contributing to buying mosaics and buildings, but many were afraid to move away from the Gender Norm placed on them.
- Women were viewed as irrational and unable to make decisions that could benefit anyone but themselves.
- As the years passed, women gained more rights to be educated, own property, and even have a public life.

Roman Empresses
- Empresses were ruled by social and political views.
- Through their positions, they affected the way the emperor ruled his empire.
- Not all empresses had lasting influence on the social and political structure of Rome.
- Empresses were typically the wives of emperors, but Agrippina the Younger was not. She retained power from being the sister of the emperor, the wife of an emperor, and finally the mother of an emperor.

“Therefore, since I have been blessed with the honour of children, being literate and able to write with proficiency, in full confidence I petition your eminence with this application for the right to transact business without hindrance in all household affairs” (Oxyrhynchus papyrus 1467.G).

Modern World
- Roman beliefs and ideals have had a major influence on the world we live in today.
- Women are no longer just housewives.
- Women more politically involved.
- Women have recently been able to gain seats in Congress and political parties.
- Instead of their families being in control over money, women now have direct control over their own money.

New Opportunities
- As Romans continued to develop, so did their views of women. Things like having control of household affairs was a new bonus.
- Getting involved in Politics was once only for Aristocratic men only, but now women had a new social role.
- Once a woman had three children, she could function as her own lord. She had more control over herself, her money, and home.
- With this newfound power for women, it started opening positions in society they didn't have before.
- Although many women were still afraid to step out of their gender norms, the opportunities were available that before was never there.

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