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## Gender Parity at the Games: An Olympic Feat!



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While the CA State Legislature languishes at just 23% women, female athletes have raced past those dismal stats and now represent close to half of Olympians gearing up for the Peyongchang Games. As we get set for Opening Ceremony this Friday, a little historical perspective:

Olympics founder <u>Pierre De Coubertin</u>
 believed that that the Olympic games
 should be reserved for men only and that

A Wave is Definitely Coming...Help Us Make Sure It's Epically Pink



CNN: "...Another Big Wave Warning for Republicans.."



Center for American Women in Politics: "Pink Wave: A Note of Caution:" the reward for their performance should be "the polite applause of women."

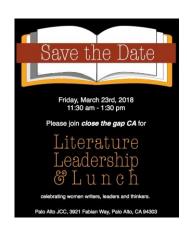
- In 1924, only 11 women participated in the Winter Olympics
- Aquatic events became open to women in 1912, skiing in 1936, and hockey in 1980
- 2012 saw the first Olympic Games where women could compete in every sport
- In the 2014 Winter Games, 1,120 women competed (40% of all athletes)
- In 2016, Simone Manuel became the first African-American woman to win a gold medal in swimming
- In 2018, women athletes' participation is approaching 50% (44% of Team USA this year are women)

We'll be taking a break from politics here and there this weekend to watch these inspirational women athletes try and blow away the competition: <u>Chloe Kim</u>, snowboarding; <u>Amanda Kessel</u>, hockey; <u>Elena Taylor</u>, bobsled.



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