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HOLLYWOOD STAR GEENA DAVIS HAS A STRONG POSITION ON SEXISM IN THE FILM INDUSTRY

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Geena Davis said “Having been in some roles that really resonated with women, I became hyper-aware of how women are represented in Hollywood“

Patricia Arquette used her Oscars acceptance speech in March to issue a rallying cry for equal pay (top-earning female dramatic actors take home around 40% of the salaries of their male co-stars).

Meryl Streep announced she was funding a screenwriters´ lab for women writers over 40.

Carey Mulligan, who stars in 'Suffragette', the story of 19th-century campaigners fighting for women´s right to vote, called the movie industry “massively sexist“.

Emma Thompson claimed that “some forms of sexism and unpleasantness to women have become more entrenched and indeed more prevalent“.
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Geena Davis was at first famous for being nominated for an Academy Award and Golden Globe for her performance in Ridley Scott´s Thelma & Louise, in which she co-starred with Susan Sarandon.

Earning the 2006 Golden Globe Award for Best Performance by an Actress in a Television Series “ “ Drama, Davis broke ground in her portrayal of the first female President of the United States in ABC´s hit show Commander in Chief.

Davis was appointed Special Envoy for Women and Girls in ICT for the UN's International Telecommunication Union (ITU). Davis is also an official partner of UN Women, working toward their goal of promoting gender equality and empowering women worldwide.Davis is the Chair of the California Commission on the Status of Women.

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