

# Half a million at Washington D.C. Women's March

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New figures reveal that as many as 500,000 people attended the Women's March on Washington on January 21st. There has been debate over the size of the crowds because there were no turnstiles or ticket sales. However, high-tech analysis from the company Digital Design and Imaging Service provides a "solid estimate" of there being 440,000 marchers, with a possibility of half a million. It was the biggest demonstration in the USA since the Vietnam War protests in the 1960s.

The New York Times reported that the Women's March was three times the size of President Donald Trump's inauguration, which they said had 160,000 attendees. Five million people participated in women's marches around the world. The Women's March was a global protest aimed at highlighting and protecting women's rights. The marchers also focused on immigration, healthcare, the environment, LGBTQ rights, racial equality, freedom of religion, and workers' rights. The marches were held the day after the inauguration of President Trump. Event organizers said they wanted to, "send a bold message to our new administration on their first day in office, and to the world that women's rights are human rights". They added: "We will not rest until women have parity and equity at all levels of leadership in society. We work peacefully while recognizing there is no true peace without justice and equity for all."

Sources: [vox.com](http://vox.com) / [womensmarch.com](http://womensmarch.com) / [Wikipedia.org](http://Wikipedia.org)



## Discussion Questions

1. What do you know about the Women's March?
2. How far do women have to go to get equality?
3. What are the biggest equality issues for women in your country?
4. What will President Trump do to advance women's rights?
5. What advice do you have for the Women's March organizers?

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## ISSUES

**Rank these with your teacher.**

Put the most important issues at the top.

- women's rights
- immigration reform
- healthcare reform
- the environment
- LGBTQ rights
- racial equality
- freedom of religion
- workers' rights