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Yes, it matters to me that a woman becomes president in my lifetime and it should matter to all woman. As a fellow woman she would understand problems that a man couldn't. The first meeting for women's rights in the U.S was held in 1848 by Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Stanton. Most of those who attended that meeting were women because they understood what it was like to be treated like second class citizens based entirely on gender. These women saw the injustices that women of that era faced every day and were petitioning for change but the brave women who gathered that day became the leaders of something even bigger: the Woman Rights Movement. This movement later led to what is now the 19th Amendment, women's right to vote. These women weren't alive to see the changes they made but they changed everything by giving women a voice.



It's a new day and age but women still face injustice every day; there is still a gap in pay depending on gender with women making less money than men which isn't fair considering woman do the same amount of work. A woman would understand that the Equal Pay Act of 1963 which prohibits such discrimination should be strongly enforced because equal work constitutes equal pay. A woman would also know how important it is for women to have the final and only decision when it comes to their own bodies. This is a right men have tried to take from women for centuries by fighting to ban legal abortion and defund planned parenthood. But who will speak up for the women of today? I want to see a women President to give my generation a voice.