

GLORIA FELDT
LEADING ACTIVIST / BEST-SELLING AUTHOR

Gloria Feldt is a leading activist, best-selling author of four books, and commentator and keynote speaker on women and leadership, politics, power, health, and media. Her current book, *No Excuses: 9 Ways Women Can Change How We Think About Power - Tools for Leading an Unlimited Life*, reveals why women are stuck at 18% of top leadership roles and, through both inspirational stories and practical tools, shows how women can redefine power, lead themselves with intention, and reach parity from the boardroom to the bedroom for good – their own and society’s.

Prior to writing *No Excuses: 9 Ways Women Can Change How We Think About Power*, Feldt co-wrote the *New York Times* bestseller *Send Yourself Roses: Thoughts on My Life, Love, and Leading Roles* with the ever-powerful Kathleen Turner, *The War on Choice: The Right-Wing Attack on Women’s Rights and How to Fight Back*, and *Behind Every Choice Is a Story*.

Her commentary has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *ELLE*, *More*, and *Ms.*, among others, and online through her popular blog Heartfeldt, The Daily Beast, Alternet, Salon, The Huffington Post, Daily Kos, WIMNsVoices, Women’s Media Center, Truthout, Salon, Women’s e-News, ilfpost, Women’s Voices for Change, and RH Reality Check. Feldt is a sought-after speaker for universities, professional and civic organizations, and women’s groups seeking inspiration, information, and leadership skills. She also tours with an intergenerational panel called Women, Girls, Ladies.

Feldt’s frontline experience has given her a unique understanding of the confluence of the personal and the political in leadership and American culture. Currently she is a professor of practice at Arizona State University where she teaches a course on women, power, and leadership. *People* magazine called this former teen mom, who became the leader of the world’s largest reproductive and sexual healthcare provider and advocacy organization, “the voice of experience.” She brought phenomenal growth to the Planned Parenthood affiliates she led in West Texas and Arizona, then served as president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Federation of America from 1996 to 2005. She led the organization to adopt a bold new vision for 2025. Her call to “fight forward” scored insurance coverage for contraceptives and accessible emergency contraception. Under her leadership, the Planned Parenthood Action Fund grew into the largest nonpartisan pro-choice action fund. Her life’s passion for social justice, especially for women, is her life’s work.

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Vanity Fair named Feldt one of America's Top 200 Women Legends, Leaders, and Trailblazers, while *Glamour* honored her as Woman of the Year. She was recognized as one of *Women's e-News's* 2007 21 Leaders for the 21st Century. *Texas Monthly*, naming her to its Texas Twenty—she hails originally from Temple, TX—described her as “part den mother, part businesswoman, part Mae West.”

A fellow of the International Leadership Forum, Feldt serves on the Women's Media Center board of directors, on the board of the Jewish Women's Archive, and advisory boards of Our Bodies, Ourselves, Women's Internet History Project, SheWrites.com, and Hygeia PCP. Her expertise in women, power, and leadership comes from a deep well of frontline experience and her personal journey from teen mom to president and CEO of the world's largest reproductive health and advocacy organization to best-selling author inspires both men and women. She continues to pave the way for women to advance and achieve parity.

TOPICS:

- Women, Power & Authentic Leadership: Secrets Every Woman Should Know to Lead & Live Without Limits
- 9 Ways Women Can Change How We Think About Power [Keynote or Workshop]
- Sister Courage: How Movement Building Principles I Learned on the Frontlines Can Grow Your Business, Break Glass Ceilings & Change the World
- Carpe the Chaos: Five Steps to Thrive in a Time of Change
- Speaking the Language of Power: Effective Self-Presentation