

In the wake of Harvey Weinstein's sentence, to what extent has the #MeToo movement been successful across the Western world?

Weinstein's 23-year prison sentence surely rings as victory for #MeToo after the unrelenting revelations of the past three years. Nevertheless, I believe women are nowhere near reaching equality with men, even in western countries.

True, the famous hashtag has enabled women to be heard, and their claims are no longer carelessly brushed aside. Besides, male abusers are less likely to get away with it. Witness Roger Ailes's resignation from Fox or Bill Cosby's conviction. #MeToo may also be given credit for the election of many female Representatives in 2018, among whom some of the most liberal (ex: the Squad).

However, the movement has lost part of its credibility by blurring the line between criminal justice and social vendetta: Woody Allen's memoirs were turned down by publishers while the director has not been judged guilty. If the public gets the feeling that #MeToo has turned to a witch hunt, it risks joining death penalty and abortion in the long list of culture wars.

Finally, the western world is not even close to achieving gender equality: for each dollar earned by men in the US, women get less than 80 cents. The glass ceiling is still a reality, as women only hold 18% of big company board seats according to Forbes. #MeToo has therefore been a first step on a long trail. (220 words)

You could also have used these additional ideas or examples to highlight #MeToo's **success**:

- In 1991 when Anita Hill accused Clarence Thomas, now a Supreme Court judge, of sexual harassment, his defenders smeared her as "a little bit nutty and a little bit slutty". This would be unthinkable today. Ex: last year, Brett Kavanaugh refrained from questioning either Ms Blasey Ford - his accuser -'s sanity or morals.
- #MeToo has initiated a broad social change: before the elections of 2016, 920 women sought the advice of EMILY's List, which promotes the candidacy of pro-choice Democratic women. Since Donald Trump was elected president, it has been contacted by tens of thousands.
- Michael Bloomberg's defeat had much to do with his sexist remarks and behaviour to women, as exposed by Elizabeth Warren in a debate. See <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/mar/04/mike-bloomberg-out-60-second-attack-elizabeth-warren-destroyed-campaign>
- The Queen's decision to oust Prince Andrew from the Royal Family after his links to Jeffrey Epstein were ascertained also shows the extent of the change.

You could also have used these additional ideas or examples to highlight #MeToo's **limitations**:

- The highly mediatized cases do not really change women's daily lives.
- Sexual abuse cases remain difficult to prove: secrecy, non-disclosure agreements, they happened long ago...
- #MeToo has become bound up with partisanship. According to polling by Pew in 2018, 39% of Republican women think it is a problem that men get away with sexual harassment and assault, compared with 66% of Democratic women.

- There is a grey zone inhabited by men who have not been convicted in court, but are judged guilty by parts of society. In 2018, Ian Buruma was forced out as editor of the *New York Review of Books* after publishing an essay by an alleged abuser which failed to acknowledge the harm he had done.
- Roman Polanski's César award in February 2020 shows that #MeToo does not export as well as expected.

Remarques additionnelles

un réalisateur: a director

Ne posez pas de question à la fin du court paragraphe introductif: **donnez** plutôt **votre point de vue** immédiatement. Voir corrigé.

Ne faites **pas de conclusion récapitulative**: vous n'avez pas le temps de vous répéter en 200 mots!