

Understanding Women and Peace in Korea

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- Nearly 70 years ago — think of that; 70 years ago — an extremely bloody conflict ravaged the Korean Peninsula. Countless people died in the conflict, including tens of thousands of brave Americans. Yet, while the armistice was agreed to, the war never ended. To this day, never ended. But now we can all have hope that it will soon end. And it will. It will soon end.
- The past does not have to define the future. Yesterday's conflict does not have to be tomorrow's war. And as history has proven over and over again, adversaries can indeed become friends. We can honor the sacrifice of our forefathers by replacing the horrors of battle with the blessings of peace. And that's what we're doing and that's what we have done. At Capella Hotel
Singapore by president Trump

From Violence to Peaceful Participation



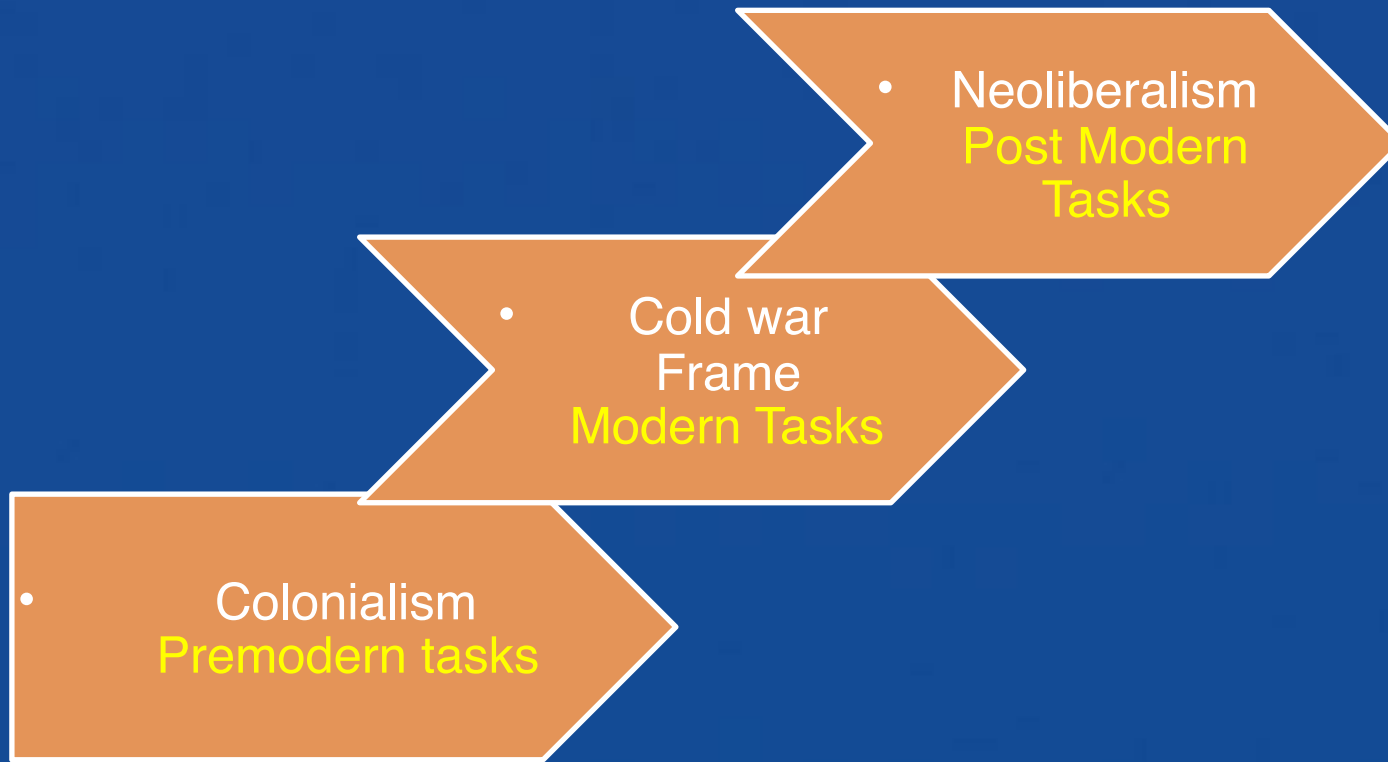
Korean Particularities

- Externally Imposed Globalization
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- Deconstruction by Resistance

- Reconstruction by participation

## The Impact of Externally imposed Globalization –



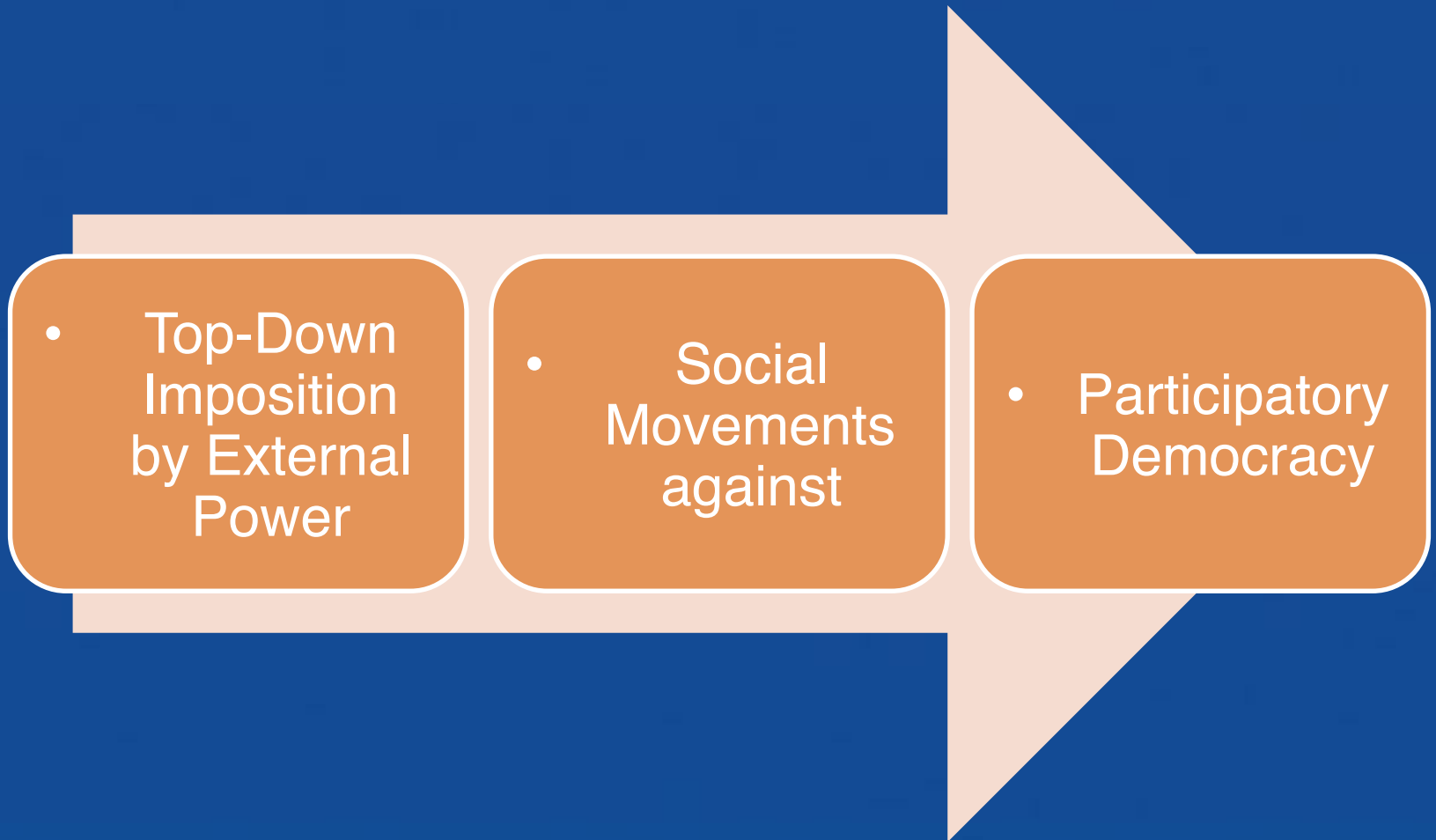
# Accumulated Past Remnants

- Feudal Remnants : Modern individual citizenship vs Feudal Nepotism

- Cold War remnants : Nation building vs Ideological divisions

- Neo-liberal Pressure : Protective Republican state building vs Global open Competition

# Deconstruction and Reconstruction



# Deconstruction through Social Movements

June 10<sup>th</sup> 1987

May 18 1980

April 19 1960

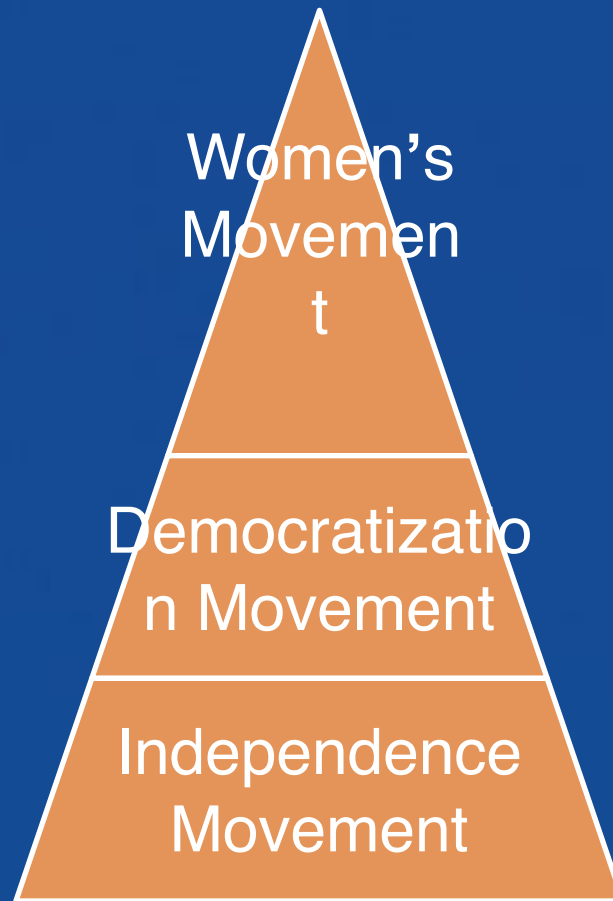
March 1<sup>st</sup> 1919

Donghack 1895

# Social Movements against ?

| Against?                                                | Social Movements                                                                                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Anti Feudalism                                          | Donghack M, 1895                                                                                      |
| Anti-Colonialism                                        | March 1 <sup>st</sup> M, 1919                                                                         |
| Against Authoritarianism,<br>Against Corrupted Election | April 19 <sup>th</sup> , 1960                                                                         |
| Anti-Militarism                                         | BUMA Civilian Struggle,<br>1979<br>Kwangju Civilian Struggle,<br>1980<br>June Civilian Struggle, 1987 |
| Anti-Cold War Division                                  | July 4 <sup>th</sup> Declaration<br>June 15 <sup>th</sup> Declaration                                 |
| Anti-Market Consumerism                                 | Cooperatives Act 2012                                                                                 |

# Social Movement and Women's Movement



# Women's Movements in Korea

Integration of SMs

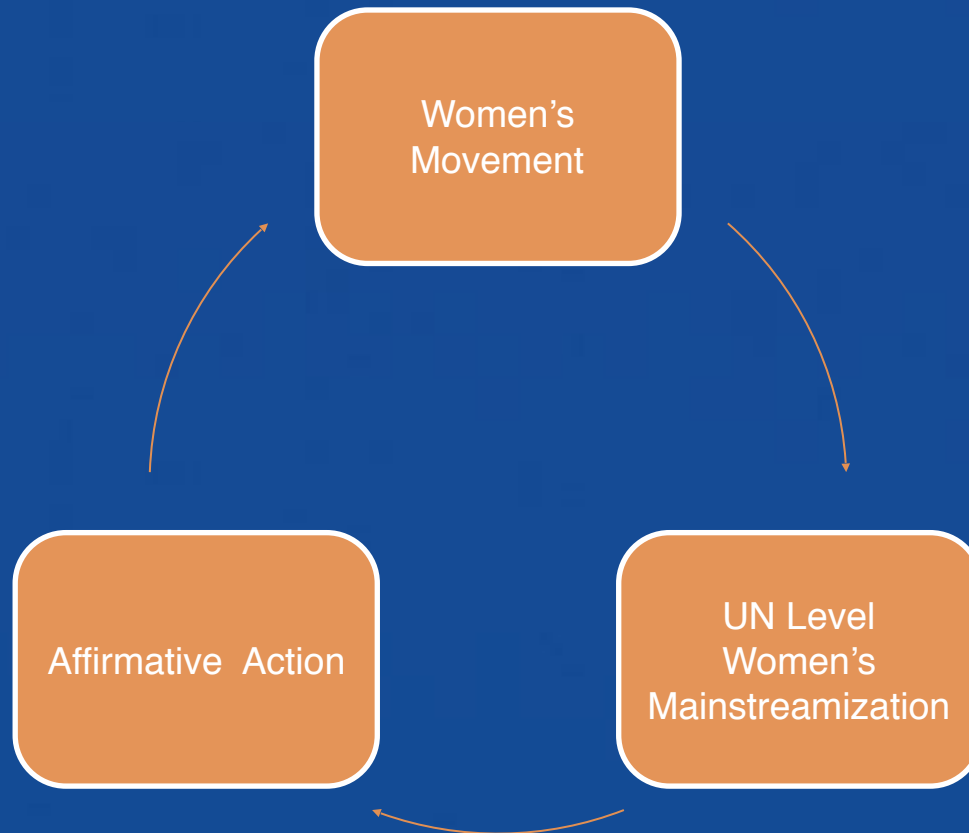
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Mainstreamization

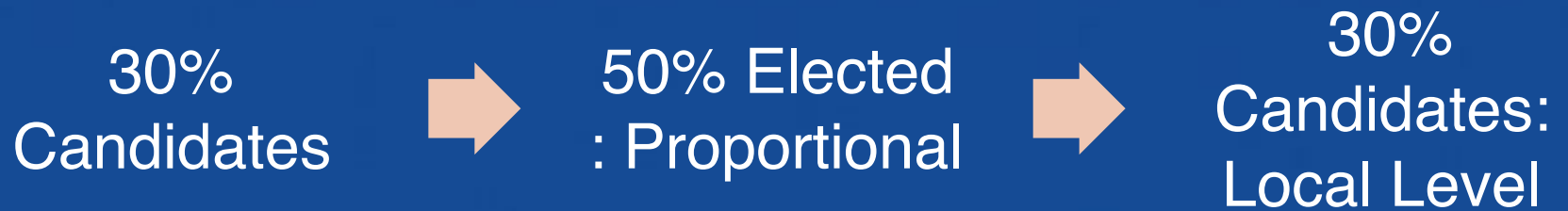
# Women's Movement

- Participation in Democratization Struggle
- Set up Independent Organization-Middle of 80s
- Legislation of Law-Gender Equalitarian Base/  
Victim Protection Base/Empowerment Base
- Policy Proposal
- Budget and Policy Monitoring with Gendered  
Perspective

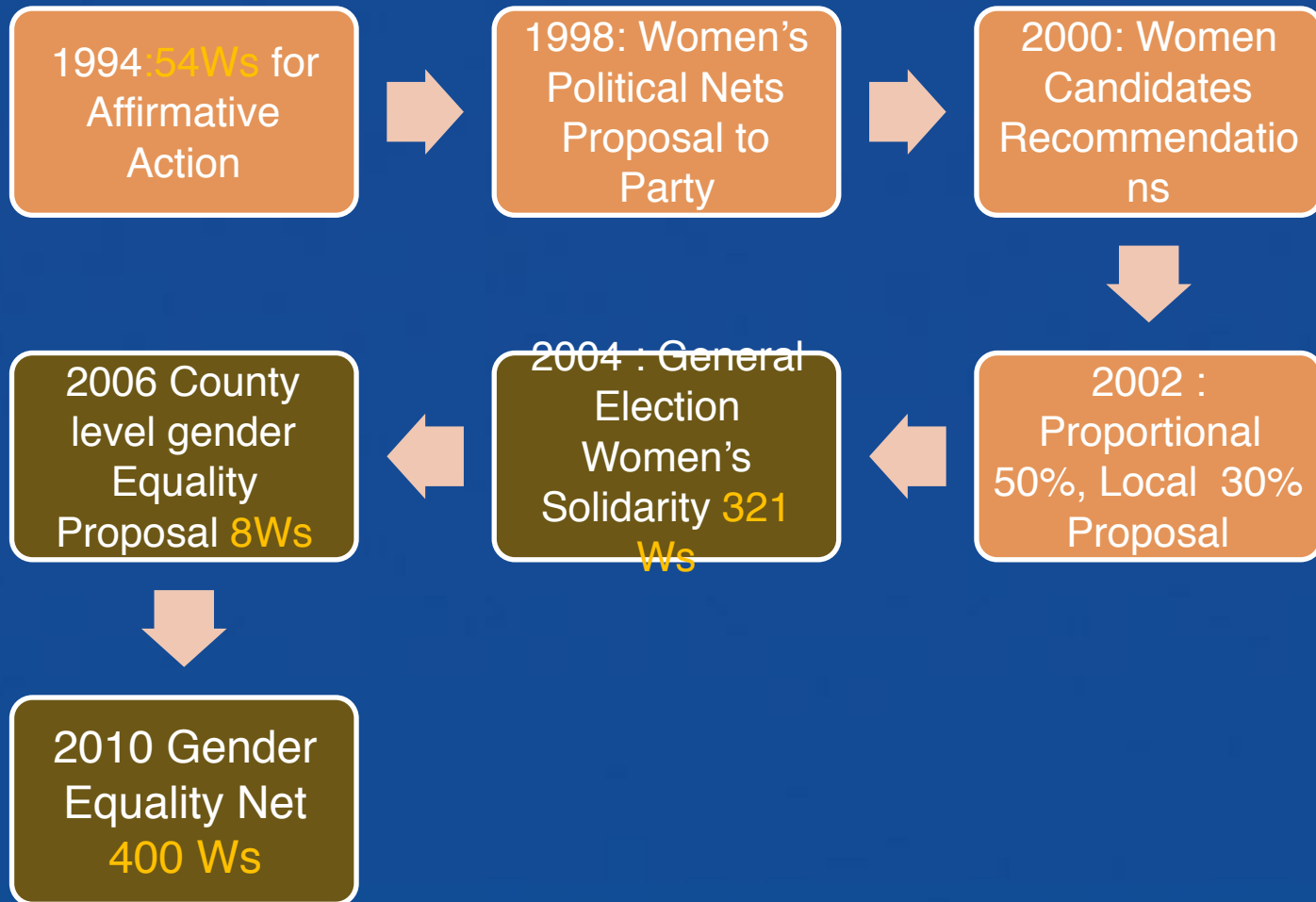
# Multi Dimensions of Women's Political Participation



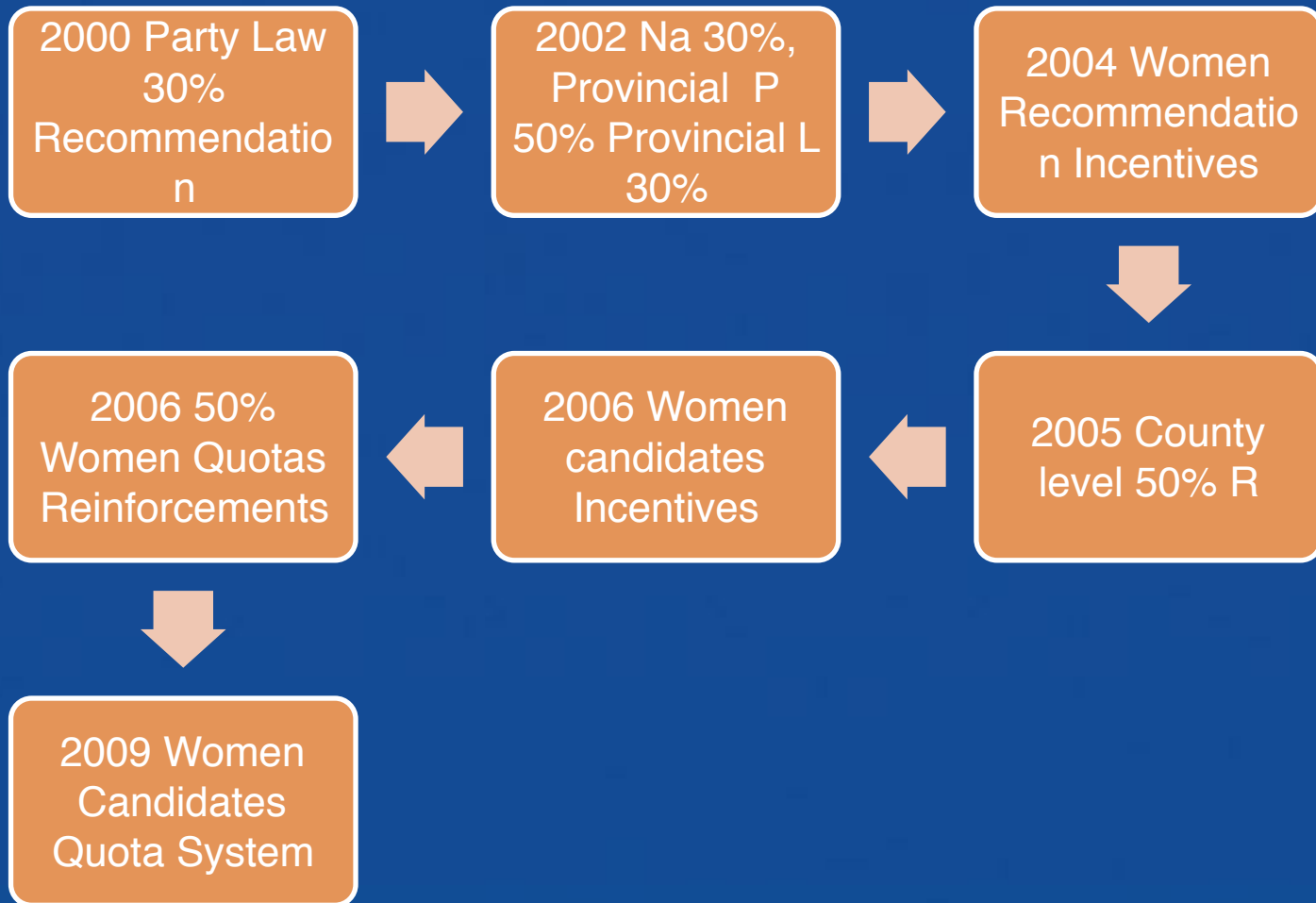
# Affirmative Action



# Women's Organizations Solidarity



# Legislation



# Women's Movement and Political Participation

1994

Women's Solidarity for  
20% Participation in Local  
Governance

1998

General Election, 11 from  
Party List, 5 from Local  
election

1995

Law for the Development  
of Women, Affirmative  
Action Base 30% Women  
Candidate in Party Law,

2003

29 Party Representation  
10 Local Representation  
(39/299, 13.0%)

# Women's Political Participation 1

- 1995 Beijing Women's : Women's Main streamization

- 2000 02 : Political Party Accepted Affirmative Action on Candidate Recommendations

2004 : 17th General Election has adopted 50 % Quota System for Party Lists.

Dramatic Increase from 5.9% ( 16<sup>th</sup> GE) to 13% ( 17<sup>th</sup> GE)

# Women's Empowerment in Political Sector

## Main-streamization through Affirmative Action Campaign

- 2002, 50% Party List in National Assembly Candidate. 30% Party Local Candidate Recommendation
- Capacity Building : Leadership Training and Recommendation of Candidate Campaign ( 100 Women Clean-Net Campaign in 2003 General Election)

# Participation for What?

- From Patriarchy + Poverty
- Patriarchy + Violence at all levels
- Patriarchy+ Under Valued Labour
- Patriarchy+ Victimization by All  
The Social Problems including **Peace**  
Agendas which has been regulated
-

Women's Movement at all levels

Global



Nation  
al



Region  
al

# Gendered division on Peace and Security

## Peace Politics and Negotiations

- Male dominant
- National Security First

## Victims Advocacy

- Victimization of Women and Children
- Silenced Sexual Violence

# The Impact of Gendered Division

## Impacts

- **Increase  
the  
Armament**



# Personalization of Sexual Violence

Neither the Nuremberg nor Tokyo Tribunal judgments at the end of the war talked about rape

Neither did the Universal Declaration nor even the original CEDAW Doesn't deal with issue.

# Voices,

- One brave Korean woman broke her silence and shared her experiences encouraged by the Women's solidarity and Feminist counter discourse.
- Others followed both here and in the Philippines.

# Fact Findings and Institutionalization

- Rape camp and Ethnic Cleansing in Yugoslavia receive attention.
- The security council took up the issue of rape during war in 1992.
- In 1993, the Vienna Conference on Human Rights discussed rape as a war crime and a crime against humanity.
- In 2000 the UN passed resolution 1325.
- The Rome Statute of 1998 and the ICCY in 2002 included for the first time rape as a crime against humanity in its judgment.

# Challenged by Global Women's Movements

Vienna  
Conference, 1992



Beijing  
Women's  
Conference, 1995



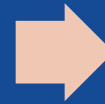
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# Reinforcements

**UNSCR 1325**



**Women's  
Mainstreaming**



**Awareness of  
Human Right**

# Differentiations and Extensions of HR

**Political Affairs**

**Peace and  
security**

**Economic and  
Social Affairs**

**Humanitarian  
Affairs**

**Development  
Cooperation**

# ICC, Jurisdiction of Universal crime

- Genocide

- War Crimes

- Crimes against Humanity and

Aggression

# Crimes against Humanity and Aggression

- Rape, Sexual Slavery, Enforced Prostitution or any other forms of Sexual Violence of Comparable gravity; forced Pregnancy and enforced Sterilization----

# The Reconceptualization of Peace and Security

- The Commission of Human security, 2001
- Differentiation between National Security and Human security
- Human Security VS. Military Expenditure
- Donor sensitivity on HS
- UN Trust Fund
- Human Security Network

# Integrative approaches

- Integration into SDGs : Poverty, Hunger, Wellbeing, education, Management of Water and sanitation for all, energy employment, Industrialization, Human settlement. Sustainable consumption and production climate change Marine resources ecosystems through gender equity(5), Country equity (10), Inclusive Societies(16), and Global partnership (17)

# The reconceptualization of peace

Absence of War

**Politics**

**Economy**

**Social and  
Natural  
environments**

**Culture**

**Social Justice**

# Findings 1

- Gendered divisions within the peace and security sectors came to be challenged with UNSCR 1325, which institutionalizes the space for women's engagement and participation

# Findings 2

- The reconceptualization on peace and security came to be more inclusive and integrative with the differentiation between national security and human security with the creation of Human Security in 2001

# Findings 3

- The specification of sexual violence has clarified the perpetrators' responsibility and the right of compensations of victims, which encouraged the open appeal and advocacy based on the incorporating the protocol to prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in persons especially women and children in 2000

# Findings 4

- The ICC jurisdiction of 4 categories of universal crimes-genocide, war crime and crime against humanity and aggression made clear the co relationships between war crime and human right. The victims appeals could be approached from the right- based perspective.

# Findings 5

- The emphasis on women's role in post conflict reconstruction can be integrated into women doner and women recipient reciprocities with more gender sensitivity which can lead to new conceptualization of ODA efficiency and ownership.

# Findings 6

- The UNSCR 1325 could be integrated into the 17 SDGs, which specify gender equity and empowering in relation with other 16 SDGs.

# Thank You

