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The Impact of Women Leadership

With full military honors, former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was laid to rest on April 17, 2013. She passed away on April 8, at age 87, and her funeral was the biggest of a former prime minister since Winston Churchill's on January 30, 1965. World leaders and dignitaries from 170 countries attended the funeral at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, in addition to Queen Elizabeth II and her husband Prince Philip.

Thatcher's tenure of 11 years and 209 days as Prime Minister was the longest since Lord Salisbury (13 years starting in 1885), and the longest continuous period in office since Lord Liverpool (14 years starting in 1812). Despite political controversies, the leadership legacy of the so called "Iron Lady" is known for transforming Britain and promoting the resurgence of political and economic liberty around the world. Along with Ronald Reagan and Pope John Paul II, her relationship with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev opened up the way to ending the cold war and the Soviet communism. In the domestic agenda, her privatization policies dismantled state socialism and promoted the neoliberal revival of the 1980s that has been regarded as the Reagan-Thatcher revolution.





Considered one of Britain's most divisive politicians of modern times, Margaret Thatcher has been equally admired and hated at the same time. However, whatever the opinion of historians and politicians, her political influence does remind us of the relevant leadership role women have played in the world History. And as a reflection on the influential role of women leadership, I selected a sample of women leaders who have influenced change and impacted society in large scale as follows:

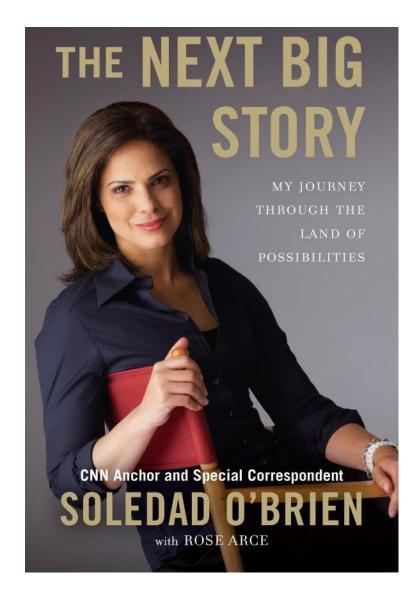
- 1. **Mother Theresa** Peace Nobel Prize winner Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu established the Missionaries of Charity in 1950 with just 13 members, which grew to become a staff of 4,500 sisters operating 600 missions, orphanages, schools, shelters, AIDS hospices, and charity centers in around 130 countries worldwide.
- 2. **Marie Curie** Polish physicist and chemist, who pioneered research on radioactivity and became the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, and the only woman to win it twice and in multiple sciences. She was the first female head of Laboratory at the Sorbonne University in Paris.
- 3. **Florence Nightingale** English social reformer and statistician, who practically founded the profession of nursing, and also brought sanitary conditions to soldiers in wars -- at a time when more soldiers typically died of disease than of injuries in battle.
- 4. **Alexandrina Victoria** The daughter of George III's son Prince Edward, who reigned for 63 years (from 1837 to 1901), and oversaw an Empire that stretched from India to the Americas, and from Africa to the Far East. So vast was the Empire, that it is said that the sun was always overhead on some part of the empire at any time. Besides political reforms, her

monarchy placed a strong emphasis on morality and family values and she became known as a benevolent matriarchal figure.

- 5. **Indira Gandhi** Prime Minister who ruled India for almost twenty years until her death at the hands of Sikh extremists in 1984 (making her the only sitting female head of state ever assassinated). She was the most influential political figure who made India the powerful nation of today.
- 6. **Eleanor Roosevelt –** One of the first women elected to the US Senate in 1911 and well known for her involvement with many charitable organizations prior to becoming first lady of the United States. Named a delegate to the United Nations in 1947, she became the first chairman of the Commission on Human Rights and coordinated the editing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- 7. **Rosa Parks** African-American civil rights activist, called "the first lady of civil rights" and "the mother of the freedom movement" by the U.S. Congress " She is best known for her refusal to move to the back of a bus in Montgomery, Alabama, and her subsequent arrest, which resulted in a bus boycott and accelerated the civil rights movement.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Leadership Conference and Roundtable 2013



Focusing on the theme of *Leadership and Diversity*, the Leadership Conference 2013 will approach different professional areas, including a special discussion on the implications of diversity for business corporations, in partnership with Whirlpool Corporation and Lakeland Healthcare, who will join the event with their audiences. The keynote speaker will be Soledad O'Brien, from CNN, who has authored the acclaimed books *Latino in America* and *The Next Big Story: My Journey Through the Land of Possibilities.* Soledad will address current issues faced by minority groups in America and the implications of diversity for leadership in different areas.

Mark on your calendar the conference dates:

- Sunday, July 21, 7:00 pm: Onstage Interview with Soledad O'Brien
- Monday, July 22, 8:30 am: Keynote speech by Soledad O'Brien



Pre-Conference Workshops:

The conference will start with a series of pre-conference workshops on the topic of Spiritual Leadership, beginning on Friday evening, July 19, and continuing Saturday and Sunday with keynote address by R. Scott Rodin, author of The Steward Leader, under the coordination of the Christian Leadership Center of Andrews University.

LEAD Department celebrate Administrative Assistant Day

In a show of appreciation the Leadership department took a moment to recognize the hard work and dedication of the department's graduate assistants. These auxiliary assistants are an asset and play an instrumental role in the operation of the department. To celebrate these contributions the graduate assistants were taken to lunch and each member of faculty took the time to express their gratitude and appreciation towards their assistant. We hope you enjoy these moments that were captured on film as we celebrated this moment.



LEADERSHIP PROGRAM NEWS

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EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (K-12) PROGRAM NEWS

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Leandro Rodor presents portfolio





On April 23, Leandro Rodor successfully presented his portfolio via Skype from Brazil. His committee members were Robson Marinho and Subir Dass.

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online Tutorial for IRB Applicants

Beginning **January 1, 2013**, applications for approval by the **Andrews University Institutional Review Board** (IRB) will require the inclusion of certificates of completion for the National Institutes of Health Online Training Tutorial, <u>http://phrp.nihtraining.com/</u>, for all principal and coinvestigators listed on the IRB application. For applications submitted by student researchers, a certificate of completion for the faculty research advisor should also be included.

The tutorial will take an average of about two hours to complete and covers the basic ethical principles of **respect for persons**, **beneficence**, and **justice** that guide all research involving human subjects.

- **Respect for persons** indicates "first, that individuals should be treated as autonomous agents, and second, that persons with diminished autonomy are entitled to protection." Thus, respect for persons includes "the requirement to acknowledge autonomy and the requirement to protect those with diminished autonomy."
- **Beneficence** means to protect individuals from harm. Specifically, beneficence is the obligation to "(1) do not harm and (2) maximize possible benefits and minimize possible harms."
- **Justice** means there should be "fairness in distribution" both of the risks and the benefits of the research.

Upon completion of the tutorial, a Certificate of Completion is provided that will be valid for three years. More information is available on the Andrews University IRB Webpage, http://www.andrews.edu/services/research/institutional-review/.

Summer 2013 Stats Course

EDRM611 Research Methods and Stats for Education & Psychology II, Summer Intensive (3 credits)

July 8-19, 2013, are the tentatively scheduled dates for the Stats intensive by Jimmy Kijai. I say tentatively since we just discussed it and it has not been officially added to the summer schedule, but please use these dates as you begin your summer travel plans.

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