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Believe it or not – there have been some positives to come out of this year. Here is our round-up of the feminist moments that defined 2020...

1) Harvey Weinstein was found guilty of two counts in his sexual assault trial, more than two years after the first allegations against him.

Justice would not have been possible without the dozens of courageous women who spoke out ■■



2) Staggering research found that countries led by women suffered on average half as many COVID-19 deaths as countries led by men ■■

“Our results clearly indicate that women leaders reacted more quickly and decisively in the face of potential fatalities”

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3) British television presenter, newsreader and journalist Naga Munchetty had the perfect response to Twitter troll ridiculing her clothing choice.

He did apologise eventually… but never tell a woman what to wear ■

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> Because I want to. https://t.co/eDQVCkTPGR
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> — Naga Munchetty (@TVNaga01) April 25, 2020

4) Kamala Harris made history as the first woman of colour elected US vice-president

She dedicated her victory speech to the women that paved the way for the historic moment and told the world...

“I won't be the last” ■■



5) Dr Jill Biden made history as the first Professor FLOTUS ■■

Jill has four degrees including a doctorate and works at a community college.

She plans to become the first FLOTUS in its 231-year history to continue her current job once moving into the White House.



6) At the age of 22, Naomi Osaka became the US Open champion for the second time ■

A true inspiration ■■



7) Princess Sofia of Sweden reduced her royal duties to support coronavirus patients by volunteering at a hospital.

Sofia started working at Sophiahemmet Hospital, of which she is Honorary Chair, and is now a medical assistant.

Thank you Sofia ■



8) Victoria Derbyshire hosted a BBC show with a domestic abuse helpline number written on her hand ■■

More than 40,000 calls were made during the first three months of the Covid-19 restrictions alone

■ 0808 2000 247 (open 24/7)



9) Rihanna donated $2.1 million (£1.67m) to the Mayor’s Fund in Los Angeles to assist victims affected by domestic violence during the coronavirus lockdown.

Not sure we could love her anymore ■■



10) I think we have watched this video at least 1000 times...

https://t.co/YWCyRVkZRH

> File this under: things we love to see. pic.twitter.com/Kehl9XFOc4
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> — SBS - The World Game (@TheWorldGame) August 22, 2020

11) Swedish environment campaigner, Greta Thunburg was awarded the Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity

She plans to donate the $1.15 million prize fund to charitable projects that are combating the climate and ecological crisis

Paving the way for future generations ■



12) Malala Yousafzai graduated from Oxford University with a degree in Philosophy, Politics & Economics.

Global advocate of female education, youngest person to win the Novel Peace Prize and now Oxford Graduate – all before 22 years old.

Nothing is standing in her way.



13) Greta Thunberg met Malala Yousafzai during a visit to Oxford University.

When two unstoppable forces get together ■



14) A 2018 clip went viral of Viola Davis Addressing Racial Inequality In Hollywood

“People say to me ‘you’re like a black Meryl Streep, there is no one like you’. Okay, if there is no one like me, you pay me what I’m worth.”

https://t.co/XGOOpauLza

> Viola Davis ain\u2019t playin with y\u2019all.
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> Someone give @violadavis her flowers.
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> Queen. pic.twitter.com/BzXhqvbUjL
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> — Jimmy Folino - Black Lives Matter (@MrNiceGuy18_58) June 30, 2020

15) Scotland became the first country in world to make period products free

The bill was introduced by Labour MSP Monica Lennon who has been campaigning to end period poverty since 2016.

A country leading the way ■■■■■■■
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16) At the age of 85, Dame Judi Dench become British Vogue's oldest cover star.

"If a great deal of kindness comes out of this, then that will be a plus" ■



17) We celebrated the life of trailblazer Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who sadly passed away.

The second woman to serve in the Supreme Court, she was an intellectual giant, and a leading voice for gender equality, women's rights, and civil rights.

What a woman ■



18) Jacinda Ardern showing what a leader is in 2020

Re-elected as Prime Minister of New Zealand ■

Took 20% pay cut lasting six months to show solidarity with those affected by coronavirus ■

Declared Climate change emergency and committed to a carbon-neutral government ■



19) Finland's Prime Minister Sanna Marin, who at 35 is the youngest female prime minister in the world, announced a plan to provide equal paid parental leave for men and women

There seems to be a theme with female led countries... ■



20) Introducing you to Finland’s Minister of Education, Minister of Finance, Prime Minister and Minister of Interior – All Women.



21) Zendaya made history by becoming the youngest ever, and only the second black woman, to win 'Outstanding Lead Actress in a Drama Series' at the Emmys.

ICON.



22) At the President’s swearing-in, Polish MPs turned up in coordinated outfits to form a rainbow in support of the LGBTQ+ Community in Poland

The protest was aimed at President Duda who is known for his anti-LGBTQ+ policies ■■■■



23) Candice Carty-Williams and Bernardine Evaristo made history by becoming the first black authors to win top British Book awards for their novels 'Queenie' and 'Girl, Woman, Other'

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24) Nanaia Mahuta, who is M■ori, was appointed as New Zealand's foreign minister - the country's first Indigenous woman to hold that office ■■

New Zealand’s parliament looks set to be one of the most diverse in the world ■



25) Shakira and Jennifer Lopez made HISTORY as the first Latina women to headline a half time Super Bowl show ■

The Super Bowl 2020 took place in Miami, a city of which 70% of the population is Hispanic ■■

"Let's show the world what two little Latin girls can do"■■



26) British actor Lashana Lynch made history being cast as the first Black female 007 - taking over Bond’s secret agent number.

She told Harper's Bazaar "I’m a part of something that will be very, very revolutionary."

We LOVE to see it! ❤■



27) Stacey Abrams worked relentlessly to register over 800,000 new voters across Georgia who were affected by voter suppression in time for the U.S elections.

“We changed the trajectory of the nation, our combined power shows that progress is not only possible—it is inevitable."



28) 90-year-old Margaret Keenan became the first person in the world to receive the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccination.

"It's the best early birthday present I could wish for because it means I can finally look forward to spending time with my family"

Historic moment ■■



29) Dolly Parton donated $1 million to help fund Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine, which has proved 95% effective.

She's also bringing the Christmas cheer with @netflix film ‘Christmas on the Square’, as well as a festive album ‘Holly Dolly Christmas’.

Dolly to the rescue! ■



30) Meghan Markle and Chrissy Teigen spoke openly about the grief and pain experienced after a miscarriage

They are helping to break the stigma surrounding miscarriage, giving parents the courage to openly talk about the struggles they are facing.

Brave ❤■



That was just a small snapshot of how women have inspired us this year. We look forward to 2021!

Add below any you think we have missed off ■