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South Africa has come a long way from where it once was decades ago, yet women's rights haven't improved as much as the amount of time they have had to improve them. Allegedly, South Africa says that they support women and women's rights, even though they remain neutral on the matter. Women have had to take these matters into their own hands, with things like strikes and protests.

When the delegation for the Republic of South Africa was interviewed, they said: "that the Republic of South Africa is heading in the right direction." Even though they do not have a plan to improve, women are making changes and improving their rights slowly. The reason it's going slowly is because not many males agree with women being in charge of the nation. And with mainly men in charge women have a hard time with getting up in the ranks and giving other women power.

Meanwhile, when the delegation of the Central African Republic was asked if they had a plan they said "...no," but they countered that statement by saying they were still "going in the right direction with what we are doing currently." The Central African Republic and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia said that they are going in the right direction as well but unlike the Central Africa Republic who "for the most part" have a plan with how they want to improve women's rights. They also say that they are "somewhere in the middle" with where they are compared to other countries with women's rights and how far they have gotten with them and improved them.

South Africa, compared to Nigeria, is ahead by quite a lot, with people in Nigeria still struggling with starting up women's rights. Yet, compared to the Central African Republic, they are behind them. Even while being so close to each other, they still aren't together with women's rights.

In conclusion, over half of the people we interviewed said that their country was behind and can work harder. This shows that we need to put more effort into improving women's rights, not just in one place but everywhere.