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The Advancement of Women is a very important and complicated topic. There are so many factors to it, but today I would just like to shine the light on one: The Different Countries stand points on Feminism and what they are doing to prevent the discrimination against Women and Girls. I was able to speak to the delegates from seven different countries to see what theirs was, and this is what we found.

The first delegates that I talked to were the delegates from the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland. They told me and my partner that in terms of the UK's feminism, they aren't doing the best that they could be doing. They told us that the UK needs to really try to work on the way that they are treating women, but they do support feminism as a whole, and believe that a people should be treated equally. They also told us that the people in their country are becoming more involved in the topic of feminism and are starting to take a stand.

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We then talked to Israel to get their opinion on the matter. They told us that one of their goals for feminism was to “ban sexual harassment, and tell the youth that it is bad.” We thought that this was a truly terrific goal to have because if we explain this to children early on in their lives, we may be able to decrease the risk of a lot of sexual harassment in the future. They also explained that they are trying their hardest to end sexual harassment in their country even if they can’t stop it everywhere in the world.

After this we talked to Jamaica and Morocco and found that Jamaica may have it much worse when it comes to the way that women are being treated. While Morocco’s answer to our question about their opinion on feminism as a whole was just simply put as “Good but not quite there yet” when it came to how the women there were being treated and said that they have laws to stop men from having more than one spouse, while the Jamaican delegates told us about how their country is “Very gender split”, and how most of the Religious, and Government jobs are given to the men. In fact Women are even paid two dollars less than men for doing the same exact job! And also told us that at the moment they are doing NOTHING to prevent discrimination against women!

The last few delegates that we talked to were the delegates representing Haiti, Burundi, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. We found, that out of these three countries the country that has it the worst in terms of feminism and working to make it stronger, is Haiti. Because though they are trying to fix their “Very Male Dominated” country, the pre-existing laws against male domination that they have put into place no one even follows. And as for the Congo, though

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they want to fix their situation, they can't fully focus on that goal until they fix their poverty-stricken country, and Burundi doesn't even find the discrimination against women a problem!

I really believe that a lot can be accomplished in these countries very easily as with a little bit of awareness and enthusiasm from the people of the world and some PROPER funding from the government. We can fix the mess that we have created around women's rights and advancement, if we just focus and get it done. If we can work together fix this problem then we can work together to solve millions more.