## Observation one:

## The status of Yemeni women

## First, we note that women in Yemen face some of the greatest challenges in the region.

Serpe 11

(Lauren Serpe is a Research Officer at the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES). She conducts public opinion surveys and focus groups focused on issues related to democracy in the Middle East and North Africa and other regions of the world. March 8, 2011. www.globalpost.com/dispatch/news/opinion/110307/gender-issues-should-be-yemen-reform)

This holds particularly … to the political process.

### The Yemeni people are calling on the US to align with the democracy movements and to change its current policy.

Karman 6/18/11 (Tawakkol Karman, “Yemen’s Unfinished Revolution”, June 18, 2011, <http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/19/opinion/19karman.html?_r=1&pagewanted=all>)AB

Following months of peaceful protests … encouraging development and stability.

## Thus we propose the following plan: The United States Agency for International Development should support the women of Yemen through the allocation of decentralization assistance including democracy training to Yemeni women advocates.

## Observation two: Yemini political development--

## First,Yemini women are seeking decentralization through positions in national and local governments now

IDEA 2005

(International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance and the Arab NGO Network for Development, “Building Democracy inYemen: Women’s Political Participation, Political Party Life and Democratic Elections”, published 2005, <http://www.idea.int/publications/dem_yemen/upload/Yemen_country_report_English.pdf>, accessed 10/11/11) AB

Yemeni women have many concerns… of socio-

economic development in general.

## Democracy assistance and women’s participation in politics is needed to build coalitions against the entrenched discrimination of the status quo

Sabbagh 2005 (Amal Sabbagh is a former Secretary General of the Jordanian National Commission for Women (JNCW), “The Arab States: Enhancing Women’s Political Participation” Women in Parliament: Beyond Numbers, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance,[http://static0.idea.int/publications/wip2/upload/Arab\_World.pdf)](http://static0.idea.int/publications/wip2/upload/Arab_World.pdf%29)AB

The non-democratic systems or …priorities, opportunities and challenges.

## And solidifying the women’s movement in Yemen creates a permanent shield for Arab women against patriarchal regression.

Sabbagh, 2005

(Amal. Former Secretary General of Jordanian National Commission for Women. International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance. “The Arab States: Enhancing Women’s Political Participation.” *Women in Parliament: Beyond Numbers*. [http://static0.idea.int/publications/wip2/upload/Arab\_World.pdf)](http://static0.idea.int/publications/wip2/upload/Arab_World.pdf%29)

‘The women’s movement…the harbingers of a better future.

## Yemeni feminists are fundamental to fostering democracy that address masculine hegemony

Badran 98

(Gender & History ISSN 0953–5233 Margot Badran, ‘Unifying Women: Feminist Pasts and Presents in Yemen’ Gender & History, Vol.10 No.3 November 1998, pp. 498–518. © Blackwell Publishers Ltd. 1998, 108 Cowley Road, Oxford OX4 1JF, UK and 350 Main Street, Malden, MA 02148, USA. Unifying Women: Feminist Pasts and Presents in Yemen MARGOT BADRAN)

Women behaving as feminists …. dynamics of Yemeni women’s feminism.

## All crises must be interrogated through a gendered lens or extinction from environmental problems, economic inequities, and weapons of mass destruction will be inevitable.

Peterson, 99. (V. Spike. Professor of Political Science. University of Arizona. “Global Gender Issues: Revisited.” Westview Press. p.17) {Reformatted M.e. 5.17.11}

Finally, gender-sensitive studies … hierarchies at work in the world.

## Furthermore, women’s protests in Yemen are at the frontline for political change

Hudson and Leidl, 02.02.11.

(World Politics Review. Valerie M. Hudson. Professor of Political Science. Brigham Young University. Patricia Leidl. International Communication Consultant in Afghanistan. “The Arab Intifada and Women's Rights.” [http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/7749/the-arab-intifada-and-womens-rights](http://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/articles/7749/the-arab-intifada-and-womens-rights%29)) {M.e. 10.02.11}

The massive, exhilarating protests in …. less free once the current dictatorships fall.

## And examining strategies to improve women’s status in Yemeni politics offers a chance for Western feminists to examine gendered identities and inequalities in their own societies

Kennedy-Glans 6

the founder and executive director of Bridges Social Development, a Canadian registered charity providing capacity building in Yemen, [Donna Kennedy-Glans is “Gender Jihad: Enhancing Female Access in Politics”, Yemen Online, <http://www.yemenonline.info/news-62.html>]

The election outcomes – for ….elections and won on 426 occasions.

## And these investigations of gendered identities are key to investigating manifestations of systemic violence

Peterson 2k

Peterson 2k (V. Spike, Associate Professor of Political Science @ the University of Arizona, SAIS REVIEW, "Rereading Public and Private: The Dichotomy that is Not One." Vol. 20, Iss. 2;

Gender-sensitive accounts go beyond … our understanding of violence and the security questions it raises.

## Observation Three: Solvency

## US democracy assistance targeted towards empowering the people can generate new strategies for advocating women’s rights and advancing development in the region

Hoveyda 5

Ambassador Hoveyda, Middle East project director of the National Committee on American Foreign Policy, 2005 [Fereydoun, “Arab Women and the Future of the Middle East”, American Foreign Policy Interests No. 27,  <http://ipac.kacst.edu.sa/eDoc/2006/157373_1.pdf>, p. 18-20]

One panelist expressed the belief that … of the United States would not be helpful.

## AND US democracy assistance to NGOs in Yemen is better than other actors

Burke 10 “Assessing Democracy Assistance: Yemen” Edward Burke, May 2010, Researcher at FRIDE This report is FRIDE’s contribution to a project entitled ‘Assessing Democracy Assistance’ that is being carried out by the World Movement for Democracy. The project aims to gather views on how democracy support can be improved and its impact enhanced. Other case studies and a synthesis report can be found at www.fride.org. www.fride.org/download/IP\_WMD\_Yemen\_ENG\_jul10.pdf

Among NGOs, the US …in Yemen than European donors.

USAID will have a local, flexible response

USAID 2010 (2010-2012 Yemen Country Strategy pdf.usaid.gov/pdf\_docs/PDACP572.pdf)

The approach to implementing … of service provision is a symptom).

## USaid is key to effective decentralization policies

DININIO 2000 (PHYLLIS DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE SPECIALIST, WORKING WITH USAID, THE WORLD BANK, THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT, AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS. SHE HOLDS A PH.D. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE FROM YALE UNIVERSITY, AN M.A. IN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FROM THE FLETCHER SCHOOL, AND A B.A. IN ECONOMICS AND SOCIOLOGY FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY. USAID􏰽S EXPERIENCE IN DECENTRALIZATION AND DEMOCRATIC LOCAL GOVERNANCE, September 2000 )

As government officials and …. improving the welfare of local communities.

## And this is not an instance of US interference, but instead an alignment with Yemeni women calling for recognition of their movement and politics

IDEA 2005

(International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance and the Arab NGO Network for Development, “Building Democracy inYemen: Women’s Political Participation, Political Party Life and Democratic Elections”, published 2005, <http://www.idea.int/publications/dem_yemen/upload/Yemen_country_report_English.pdf>, accessed 10/11/11) AB

Today’s women’s movement, which …. gains achieved so capably by Yemeni women.

## Observation Four: Framework and Impact Calculus

## . The current inaction towards the impacts highlighted in the 1AC is not an accident

### Focus on critical theory in the context of democracy assistance is sloppy empirical research, unable to offer real world practice and abandons emancipatory politics.

Kurki 2011 (Milja, Principal Investigator of ‘Political Economies of Democratisation’, a

European Research Council-funded project based at the International Politics Department,

Aberystwyth University, “The Limitations of the Critical Edge: Reflections on Critical and Philosophical IR Scholarship Today,” Millennium: Journal of International Studies 39, p. 14-16) PM

Secondly, in terms of reorienting research more ….. this may still present a challenge worth taking up today.

## We defend the use of a feminist epistemology as a starting point to expose the gendered contradictions of the status quo and inform future policy evaluations

Anderson 95

(Elizabeth Anderson, “Feminist Epistemology: An Interpretation and a Defense”, Hypatia vol 10. No. 3 Summer 1995, <http://grst.wikispaces.umb.edu/file/view/AndersonFEID.pdf>) AB

Thi s survey of some findings of ….transform the field of theoretical knowledge

## Traditional discussions of democracy are based on a flawed epistemology -- we need to develop a new epistemology that acknowledges the role of women.

Waylen 94 (Women and Democratization: Conceptualizing Gender Relations in Transition Politics Author(s): Georgina Waylen Source: World Politics, Vol. 46, No. 3 (Apr., 1994), pp. 327-354 Published by: Cambridge University Press Stable URL: http://www.jstor.org/stable/2950685 . Accessed: 31/05/2011 22:26)

According to David Held, democracy defined … does not necessarily entail any wider changes.

## And, adopting a feminist curiosity is key to expose the gendered causes of global events

Enloe, 2007

(Cynthia, Research Professor, *Globalization and Militarism: Feminists Make the Link,* [Department of International Development, Community, and Environment](http://clarku.edu/departments/idce/) and [Women's Studies](http://clarku.edu/departments/womensstudies/), Clark University, p. 17)MKD

To make sense of today's complex …. the world "works" the way it does.

## The international system will remain fundamentally flawed until we take the real lived experiences of women seriously

Enloe, 2007

(Cynthia, Research Professor, *Globalization and Militarism: Feminists Make the Link,* [Department of International Development, Community, and Environment](http://clarku.edu/departments/idce/) and [Women's Studies](http://clarku.edu/departments/womensstudies/), Clark University, p. 18)MKD

When you try to explain anything, …. guide into today's and tomorrow's interna­tional system.

## And epistemological matters:

## structural violence against women creates an ethical choice for the judge that comes before all other considerations. A war-based impact calculus ignores the war against women in “peacetime.” Rejecting this understanding and focusing on gendered violence is critical to understand how greater forms of violence hegemonic structures function.

Cuomo 96

(Chris, Professor of Philosophy and Women's Studies and Director of the Institute for Women's Studies at the University of Georgia, 1996, “War Is Not Just an Event: Reflections on the Significance of Everyday Violence” Published in Hypatia 11.4, pp. 30-46

Although my position is in agreement with the notion … equality and freedom from exploitation in poor countries.

### Impact calculus that privileges traditional notions of “war” is a mode of masculine discourse used to cover the ongoing violence faced by women which ultimately makes “war” non-unique

Ray 97

[Amy E., J.D., Law Clerk to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit Feb, American University Law Review, LEXIS]cn

Because, as currently constructed, human rights laws can … constructed to exclude and silence women. 268

### Impact calculus that privileges so-called “greater” logistical and political considerations than violence against women is an active choice that trivializes women’s oppression and should be rejected

Enloe 04

(Cynthia, professor of International Relations, “The Curious Feminist”, p. 74)

Thus we need to become more curious …successors who would thing to add "lesbian").

## Gender hierarchies are the root cause of normative dualisms like human/nature and culture/nature.

## Moyer, 2001. (Jeanna. Hypatia Volume 16.3 p. 79-97. Professor of Feminist Ethics. Iowa State University.) {Reformatted M.e. 6.13.11}

Elsewhere, I assert that Kant associates …. that I have described is the root of all of them.

## Their idealized visions are dreams without a way to come into existence-that view is tied to repressive states leading to violence.

## Hoffman, 2001. (John. Professor of Political Theory. University of Leicester. UK. *Gender and Sovereignty: Feminism, The state, and International Relations*. 2001. p. 7.) {Reformatted M.e. 6.13.11}

In my view sovereignty can …. challenges violence and domination.

## Ethics cannot be separated from foreign policy making. We must analyze the rhetoric and values embodied in foreign policy decisions.

Frost 05 (Mervyn, professor of international politics at Kings College, London, The Idea of Global Civil Society: Politics and ethics in a globalizing era, editied by Randall D germain and Michael Kenny, p. 126-127) PM

In discipline which has been exposed …l struggle to change the constitution of the South African state.

We control the external impact and this turns the K

Boggs, Professor of Political Science at Southern California, 2000

(CAROL, 2000, THE END OF POLITICS, 250-1)

But it is a very deceptive and misleading …f Oakeshott’s Burkean muddling-through theories.

## Crusading visions and remapping without praxis is a way to avoid the link between their map and practices that empty signified doesn’t lead to change but avoids it.

## Walker, 1998. (r.b.j. Professor of International Relations. University of Victoria. UK. *One World, Many Worlds: Struggles for a Just World Peace*. 1998. p. 116.) {Reformatted M.e. 6.13.11}

It has become fashionable, even among … seriousness or gravity of a situation of hazard.

## And traditional disad scenarios presuppose a “correct” way of avoiding “real” problems- which silences views particularly women.

## Cohn, 1993. (Carol. “War Wimps and Women.” Gendering War Talk. Ed. Cooke and Wallacott. p. 240-1.) {Reformatted M.e. 6.13.11}

In a world where professionals pride …crucial matters of war and peace.