

August 29, 2025

Dear President of the House Martin Bosma & President of the Senate Jan Anthonie Bruijn,

I am writing today to ask you to create constitutional amendments to ban violence against girls and women in warfare. The reason I ask is because of the long-term harm to girls and women and the widespread damage to countries that approve it.

Take, for example, the consequences of rape as a weapon of war, which impacts girls and women 95% of the time.¹ With some of the worst long-term consequences of all the violent crimes, a victim is more likely to attempt suicide, live with lifelong depression and anxiety, experience low self-esteem, and end up in poverty.² A lack of justice exacerbates these effects.³

Beyond the moral and ethical collapse of approving rape as a weapon of war, here are a few of the choices leaders would need to make to condone it:

- They would think about how to commit violence against girls and women instead of how to protect and advocate for them.
- To recruit new leaders, they would need to create an acceptance of this type of violence, most likely through graphic photos, media, and pornography.⁴
- Leaders would downgrade laws for girls and women, delete the word woman, and keep women out of top military and government positions — or choose compliant women.⁵
- As a government, leaders would spend government dollars to protect the secrecy of the program, rather than to meet the needs of citizens. Those who authorize and run the program would gain extreme power.

To prevent girls and women — who have little say in war and peace — from experiencing the caustic effects of warfare, I am urging countries to pass constitutional amendments. Specifically, to ban the use of (1) rape as a weapon of war, and (2) violence against girls and women in warfare. Because mothers desperately try to protect their children in warfare, (3) a ban on violence against children. My first letter is to my own country, the United States.

I am also sending letters to the United Kingdom, France, Sweden, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland, the European Union, Israel, Qatar, Russia, India, Japan, China, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Rwanda. If one country agrees, others will follow.

I have written over 400 letters to the Nobel Prize Foundation to urge them to award the prizes equally to men and women. Historically, women have won only 7% of the prizes. Girls and women have the right to be heard, valued, protected, and their achievements honored at the highest level.

Sincerely,

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CC: The Nobel Prize Foundation & Norwegian Nobel Committee

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