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Distance has often been used as a way to dilute the human-ness of Africa's troubles. As a result, stories are often told about the millions and the masses, rather than the individual. But women are women, regardless of where they live, and that universality is the key to understanding and further action. The time has come for women in developed countries to stop, look over their shoulders and see that many women in poor countries have been left far behind. While much of the focus has been on narrowing the inequality between men and women in wealthy nations, the real gap is *among* women. The chasm between women in wealthy and poor countries is often far greater than that between men and women *within* wealthy countries. I wonder whether we have forgotten the real battle lines and become too caught up in our own concerns of glass ceilings, childcare and family, while women in faraway places have been all but forgotten.

Feminism must be a movement for the advancement of *all* women, not just for the already advanced. If it is based on the universality of womanhood, then talents, resources and attention should be shared to overcome the most profound disadvantages.

I'm extremely grateful for the experiences I've had on this journey. Africa has reset my boundaries and priorities, and it will forever be my compass.

This is a quote Leigh has found which says well what is to be said

Question: For understanding

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 Unity and Diversity / Wisdom

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 Leigh

- Unity is not uniformity -