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Women's rights still a battle

Re: "Who decided girls don't really want to compete in sports?" Opinion, Aug. 3:

The patriarchy is alive and well, folks, and coming to put your womenfolk back into the kitchen.

Newly released by the Heritage Foundation — you remember them, the same backward-thinking folks that brought us Project 2025 — is a report that asserts that the promotion of competitive sports for girls and women "formed a core element of a broader project to remake female character itself — producing a new woman who would be more aggressive, assertive, dominant, and less deferential, less graceful, and less oriented toward motherhood and traditional feminine graces."

Wait, what? Traditional feminine graces?

The column condemns this position and pushes back against "most girls and women aren't naturally inclined toward competitive sports."

Many of us also strongly disagree. Anybody heard of Caitlin Clark? Simone Biles? Serena Williams? Megan Rapinoe?

It's only in my lifetime that women were allowed to get a credit card in

their own name (1974). The Civil Rights Act (1964) made it illegal to discriminate in employment on the basis of the sex of the worker. Women's suffrage is just barely 100 years old (passed in 1920). So we've made good progress.

Reports like the one from the Heritage Foundation, however, show our progress in women's rights is not set in stone. We must fight the battle every day.

Everyone deserves the same opportunities, regardless of the color of their skin or which reproductive organs they have.

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