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*Dr. Schmidt argues that women were central to the formation of African peasantries in Rhodesia. Yet women's status declined over the course of the colonial period. As political mechanisms threatened the survival of peasant households, women's labor was intensified in the last ditch attempt to stave.*

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## 2: Feminism in Zimbabwe

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The Domesday Book Merchants in the middle ages were business people who participated in retail and trade. Thus, the medieval merchant was seen as both a trader and trafficker of wares across countries. The middle ages merchant sourced for his products during his travels and would then sell them in markets and shops or at fairs. Early Beginnings Medieval society divided itself between three societal categories that included the clergy, the peasants and the fighters. Merchants were not considered as part of these three categorizations and were largely discriminated against. The clergy, the peasants and the nobility considered the merchant as one who was seeking to enrich himself at the expense of society. Meanwhile this same society increasingly depended on merchants for the distribution of much needed goods. In the early emergence of the merchant class, the clergy was vehemently opposed to merchant activities such as banking and trading. As such, people would blame the merchants for natural catastrophes including disease, floods or famine as a punishment to the community from God. Notably, the nobility were particularly disdainful of the merchants who, in the eyes of the nobility, were perceived as misers. The role of the merchant became even more important and entrenched in society in the wake of the thirteenth and the fourteenth centuries. The nobility became richer and the peasants were better placed to purchase goods that the merchants came with from other countries. The main merchant traders were the Genoese and Venetians. Merchants in the middle ages engaged in fierce confrontations over trade routes, through which they brought in good such as silk, perfumes, foods and spices. The Crusades , some of the bloodiest wars of the middle ages were not just about religion, they were also about different groups of merchants seeking to gain control of the major trade routes. Merchants earned a position as those who worked, but their social standing was certainly much higher than that of the peasants. As the peasants toiled in the field and the lords made merry in their castles, the merchants in the middle ages were busy travelling across the Mediterranean and Europe. By the fourteenth century, merchants were some of the wealthiest people in society; they held influential positions in local government and their children intermarried with those of the noblemen. Impact of Merchant Trade As the merchants crossed foreign boundaries, they would face resistance from local rulers. However, both the rulers and the merchants found a way out of this quagmire; the merchants would offer gifts to the local rulers or pay a fine. The local rulers would also tax the goods that merchants traded within their territory. To be sure, merchants increasingly became not part of middle ages feudal community, but influencers of this society. It is through their trade initiatives that towns and entire cities were built and developed for example the city of Paris in France. The towns that were initially small and tied to the feudal system became self-sustaining and broke away from the feudal system to become independent states. However, local lords did not take the independence of towns and cities lightly. Merchants, the lords and sometimes the king would fight over land issues because the merchants had become wealthy enough to purchase their own lands. The king and the local lords charged the merchants heavily for them to acquire land rights. The merchants and other town leaders sought to have towns that were independent from local lords and that were led by a mayor who was democratically elected. Tensions also emerged between local merchants and those who came into the towns for brief commercial activities. The local merchants in the middle ages could not keep up with the competitive edge that was accorded the merchant guilds. The merchant associations or guilds had more goods and could deliver their services more efficiently compared to a single local trader. More and more people forsook the local merchants and opted to do business with the new suppliers who offered cheaper goods and services. Even as some merchants grew richer, many commercial towns were ruined as local merchants ran out of business. Although the commercial activities of merchants gave rise to commercial cities and towns, these towns began to face unprecedented problems. These problems are similar to those faced by modern day urban cities; they included contagious disease, overcrowding and crime. The Medieval Merchant Guilds Merchants in the middle ages began to form merchant guilds, what we now know as associations or co-operatives. These guilds not only regulated and streamlined trade by they also

made negotiations between the traders and local rulers easier. The main areas of contention were the taxes and levies that the local rulers imposed on the traders and the goods they traded. The merchant guilds developed and established the rules of trade. Members of these guilds became influential in medieval society. For example, the main spokesperson of the merchant guild would often be appointed as the city or town mayor. The chief delegates of the guild would be appointed as the town Aldermen and other guild members became city or town burghers. Common rules that the merchant guild established included a total ban on illegal trade by those who were not members of the guild. This was intended to make every merchant a member of the guild so that traders would work within this system. Members who went contrary to the guild rules or charter would pay a fine. The merchant guild offered assistance to their members and their families, in the event of sickness or death. Guild members also received protection against damages caused to their goods, and possessions as they travelled.

## 3: Historical Overview of Women's Groups in Zimbabwe

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Although some areas came under European sway from those early years, it was not until the late 19th century that the European nations of Britain, France, Germany, Belgium, and Portugal met in a famous conference in Berlin in 1884 and divided areas of influence among themselves. The years of most intense colonialism then followed, with increased warfare when the Europeans attempted, and in most areas succeeded, in enforcing their own political control over African communities. Africans resisted these incursions from the beginning, and the first nationalist movements arose in the early 20th century, culminating in successful transfers to independent status for most African nations in the 1950s and early 1960s. Women were involved in these activities in a variety of ways. The dynamic varied from place to place. Some women moved to the newly developing urban communities in search of new opportunities, though the majority remained in the rural areas. In many parts of West Africa, women were members of associations run by and for women, which gave women the final say in disputes over markets or agriculture. The colonial agents, nearly always men, ignored that reality.

**General Overviews** The sources listed in this section offer general overviews of the impact of colonialism on African women. Berger is a concise summary, while articles in Allman, et al. Sheldon includes several chapters on the colonial era in a text that covers a broader range of history. Hunter is an early publication that looks at the impact of South African colonialism on Pondo women. Walker provides a selection of articles on South Africa, while Bradford , also on South Africa, offers insight into how including women in history can alter interpretations of events beyond simply adding women. *Women in African Colonial Histories*. Indiana University Press, Among the earliest scholarly reports based on extensive observation, Hunter concludes that women lost ground economically but gained some freedom due to loosening kin control. *African Womanhood in Colonial Kenya*, 1977 Ohio University Press, *Peasants, Traders, and Wives: Shona Women in the History of Zimbabwe*, 1987 Early History to the 21st Century. *Women and Gender in Southern Africa to*

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Other denominations soon followed suit. The primary aim of these groups was to teach African women about God. Secondary aims included instructions on how to maintain a home that measured up to Christian standards of cleanliness. Schmidt further notes that "The Victorian ideal of virtuous wife, selfless mother, and tidy, industrious housekeeper was the goal for which all African women should be taught to strive" Incidentally, these notions of the subservient and industrious woman found resonance within traditional African culture. As a result, the collusion of white and black patriarchy resulted in the formulation and codification of the legal system known today as Customary Law. Joan May describes this system as an "invented tradition" because: Rules which might have evolved, customs and traditions which might have altered radically or gradually been discarded in favour of more adaptive legal norms harden and are subject to manipulation rather than evolution This codified law came to mediate relations between black men and women through the colonial judiciary system. Under Customary Law, a black woman remained a legal minor all her life under the custodianship of her father husband or eldest son as her life progressed from childhood, to marriage and widowhood or old age. The immediate pre-independence period led to a re-assessment of gender relations. Debates about gender roles came from two fronts. The first was from the liberation movement and the second from the small group of university-educated and professional middle class women Gaidzanwa Jirira These two groups of women put considerable pressure on the new government to reconsider the situation of women. According to Gaidzanwa, with considerable numbers of women joining the liberation struggle in the late s and s, the image of the subservient and industrious mother or daughter came to be challenged by the female combatant Gaidzanwa Although there was discrimination in the guerrilla camps in that women were often headed into roles that involved cooking and caring for the sick and wounded, there was equality on the battlefield. Women proved to be just as able and dedicated to the cause for national liberation as their male counterparts. Therefore, there was little justification for continuing to regard women as inferior. This new perception found support in those guerrillas who read socialist literature and thought about its possible application in independent Zimbabwe Gaidzanwa As Jirira elaborates, with colonial rule drawing to a close, more opportunities for women to study at home and abroad opened up airira These women made use of knowledge gathered from their own experiences in different educational institutions and societies as well as from the international feminist movement, particularly the activities at the United Nations, to develop critiques and to challenge gender subordination. However, as it turned out, state patronage left very little room for these groups to develop into autonomous groups with their own political muscle Saunders ; Gaidzanwa ; Jirira The most far reaching of these laws was the Legal Age of Majority Act of in that for the first time in Zimbabwe, it established the principle of equality between men and women, thus opening up the way for other reforms. The Act conferred adult status on all Zimbabweans over the age of eighteen, making it possible for women to vote, own and register property in their own right without male mediation. Ziyambi, *The Battle of the Mind: University of Oslo*, , pages Available from Department of Media and Communications [info media.

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