

# Sophie

I'm proud to be an American because my life as a daughter of a hard-working single Mom shows how far America has come. Just fifty to sixty years ago women could not vote, work multiple jobs or easily get mortgage but most importantly not a single mother could even do what my mom can do today, raise a child on their own. & live in a beautiful country that allows me to go home to peace because my mom has insured me a life with her, and this country has allowed her to do this.

In many other countries there are 'banned jobs lists', lists of jobs women can't work at, and high violence rates, however here I've learned that girls can have a role in leadership just as much as boys. As I've grown up alongside my mom I have seen that anything is possible as a woman.

When I see my mother, & see someone who can work in a technology career, own a home, finish her college education, and create a life for us both with her own perseverance and with the woman's rights backing her up.

Because of these developments, I can imagine my future filled with opportunities, and as a girl I can pursue my dreams and be independent as I do so. Seeing my single mom achieve things that use to be impossible inspires me to work hard, be confident and trust that God has a purpose for me.

In the end, I am proud to be an American because of the freedom it provides for girls like me.