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## when girls rule

Move over, guys, we're on our way.

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**W**ould the world be different if women ran it? Does leadership have a gender component? Do women exercise power the same way men do?

These types of questions are going to be explored in the PBS documentary *If Women Ruled the World: A Washington Dinner Party*, which will air in early 2002. Aspiring female leaders like 21-year-old Courtney Martin were assigned the task of interviewing some of their heroes for the show. Courtney spoke with former Attorney General Janet Reno. When Courtney attends the Women, Leadership and the Future Summit at Barnard College in New York City this month, she will also meet other take-charge women. Abby Moncrieff, 21, from Florida, interviewed former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. "It's a passing of the torch," says Abby. "I learned from her how to balance women's traditional roles with new, empowered ones."

All this

talk about female leaders made us wonder what teens think life will be like when women take the helm. So we put the question to the ladies (and gents) of our Teen Advisory Board (TAB).

### what you say

"Men's Speedos would be outlawed."

MELANIE KAUFER, 16, NEW JERSEY

"Women would tackle women's issues from their unique perspective."

JOANNE SPATARO, 16, NORTH CAROLINA

"Things wouldn't be so different."

JESSE FINKELSTEIN, 19, NEW YORK

"Professional wrestling wouldn't exist."

JOE CORTEZ, 17, CALIFORNIA

"Maybe people would start to believe god is a woman."

VALERIE CHIN, 16, VANCOUVER, CANADA

"We'd finally realize how brilliant, gorgeous, independent and valuable we really are. On second thought, if women realized how brilliant, gorgeous, independent and valuable we were, then we'd already rule the world."

JESSICA TOLBERT, 19, ARIZONA

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