



# Should we have more female CEOs?

*By Cheryl Ng*

Nowadays, many people think that men are better CEOs than women, but I think this is not true. That is why today we are talking about why women make better CEOs than men. I believe women are better CEOs than men because women have unique attributes that help their companies perform better, they are better at managing employees and they make companies more diverse.

Firstly, I believe women make better CEOs because women have unique attributes that help their companies perform better. They tend to outperform those men at the top, and bring unique skills that women have and also make more money. For example, women usually drive innovation and generate higher performance from staff. This is important in high-tech industries where innovation is crucial. That is why I think women are better CEOs than men.

Secondly, women are better CEOs than men as they are better at managing employees. Women have stronger understanding of and relationships with their employees. According to the research by a senior lecturer in the Department of Actuarial Studies and Business Analytics, women create “better reward systems and greater flexibility”. For example, more people would like to work with a CEO that understands them, not one that always commands others to do things. That is why I think that women are better CEOs than men.

Thirdly, women are better CEOs than men as they make companies more diverse. When more people of different genders work together, they may achieve more things. For example, men and women may work things out differently, they may find out the best solution. That is why I think women are better CEOs than men.



In conclusion, women are better CEOs than men as women have unique attributes that help their companies perform better, they are better at managing employees and makes the company more diverse. They tend to outperform men, have stronger understanding and relationships with their employees, and make employees work together. It will help the society to not cast out women in companies, and to prove them wrong that women can do things well. This also works in other places like schools, restaurants and hospitals and is possible all around the world, including Hong Kong.



# My generation should not continue throwing gender-reveal parties for babies

*By Bryan Wong*

Do you want to blow up cars and damage the environment just for a party? Even if people want to celebrate a milestone, they should keep it fairly small and not go over the top. I believe that my generation should not continue throwing gender reveal parties for babies because it is hazardous, it is unnecessary, and it is sometimes offensive and can involve stereotypes.

Firstly, I believe that my generation should not continue throwing gender reveal parties for babies because it is hazardous. "In 2017, a fire was sparked at a gender reveal in Arizona, resulting in more than \$8 million in damages and 45,000 acres of destroyed land." wrote Taylor Lorenz for the New York Times. One time, a car burst into blue flames indicating that it is a boy. Another time, a crop dusting plane crashed after dumping thousands of gallons of pink water across a field indicating it is a girl. This shows that people are going way over the top and these gender reveal parties are getting out of hand. People will get hurt and it is unsafe. Therefore, I believe that my generation should not continue throwing gender reveal parties for babies.

Secondly, I believe that my generation should not continue throwing gender reveal parties for babies because it is unnecessary. In times like this, during the pandemic, it is very event gathering unnecessary to do this type of crazy thing as people will be careful about the coronavirus and social distancing guidelines, "Asking family, friends, and loved ones to risk their own health to find out whether the cake is blue or pink can seem selfish and reckless. Why on earth are we still having these things." reported Taylor Lorenz. This means that people are doing this unnecessary party to find a blue or pink cake. Coronavirus is still here and people



unnecessary are being very stupid about it and having large and unnecessary gatherings. Consequently, I believe that my generation should not continue throwing gender reveal parties for babies because it is unnecessary.

Thirdly, I believe that my generation should not continue throwing gender reveal parties for babies because it is sometimes offensive and can involve different stereotypes. "But before going all out on blue and pink cake, balloons, or confetti, consider a gender neutral celebration. They are becoming more popular in order to avoid stereotypes of pink is for girls and blue is for boys, among other harmful ideas about gender," wrote Taylor Lorenz. This shows that a lot of these gender-reveal celebrations are involving stereotypes, which is unequal and disrespectful. That is why people are encouraging others to hold gender-neutral parties. As a result, I believe that my generation should not continue throwing gender reveal parties for babies because it is stereotypical.

I believe that my generation should not continue throwing gender reveal parties for babies because it is hazardous, it is unnecessary, and it is sometimes offensive and can involve stereotypes. Gender-neutral celebrations will be less offensive whilst having crazy celebrations are unnecessary. This means that people should learn and not go over the top with parties. I agree to ban gender reveal parties. Even if people disagree with me, it is needed since destroying 45,000 acres of land and blowing up cars is unacceptable. Therefore, I believe that my generation should not continue throwing gender reveal parties for babies.



# Why Gender Reveal Parties Should be Allowed

*By Tori Kim*

Are gender reveal parties really as bad as some people say they are? Even though they have had a history of harming people, gender reveal parties, when controlled, can be a peaceful and positive experience. I think gender reveal parties should be still allowed, because they don't have to be as stereotypical, they help celebrate a big milestone, and they can help mental health.

First of all, gender reveal parties don't have to be stereotypical. According to the article 'Are Gender Reveals Cursed?', "[gender neutral baby celebrations] are becoming more popular in order to avoid the stereotypes of pink-is-for-girls and blue-is-for-boys, among other harmful ideas about gender." This shows that people are already taking steps to abolish harmful stereotypes. Therefore, when gender reveal parties are done right, they are a positive experience, so they should be allowed.

My next point is that finding out the gender of the parents' child is a big milestone and is worthy of a celebration. When a mother gets pregnant, there is a lot of risk on whether the baby will be healthy and live well. Finding out the gender of a baby is a celebration of how far the parents have come in the pregnancy. Another example of this is when a mother cannot get pregnant, and use reproductive technologies to try to induce pregnancy. "For these thousands of women, carrying a pregnancy to the point when a baby's sex can be known is an achievement worth celebrating." says an article from the New York Times. Altogether, pregnancy reveals should be allowed because they are a great way to celebrate how far the parents have come in bringing new life into the world.

Lastly, celebrating with a group of people would be good for mental health. Especially in this time of coronavirus when people are quarantined at home, it would be beneficial to their mental health if they got together with a small group of people to celebrate. Also, it would improve the parents' spirits if they met people who were happy to celebrate their milestone with them. Parents would also miss out on experiences they would normally have with their babies,



such as baby yoga and other activities they have to miss because of COVID-19. Therefore, gender reveal parties should be allowed because they can lift spirits and increase mental health. In conclusion, gender reveal parties should be allowed because they are good for mental health, help celebrate an important milestone, and can be changed to be peaceful and non-stereotypical. Gender reveal parties will help give hope in this trying time of COVID-19.



# Are Gender Reveals Cursed?

*By Charlotte Deiss*

I partially agree that gender reveals should not take place. I will argue why gender reveals should or should not take place, starting in the early 2000s. Gender reveals have become more common in the past 10 years.

Firstly, gender reveals allow many memories with family and friends to be kept within our hearts together. Parties can allow children to feel special and always loved. They will always look back at the party feeling loved and intricate.

However, gender reveal parties can be binary, and stereotyping. They use gendered colors, for example, boys as blue and girls as pink, making them use those colours to distinguish themselves.

My second point is that gender reveal parties have grown to be dangerous and overly extreme. An example to show that is a Taxan party last July, when a car was rigged to burst into blue flames, indicating a boy was born. Though these parties can be absolutely thrilling, many things can go wrong. A few weeks ago, a smoke reactor pyrotechnic device was used at a gender reveal party, ending in a massive wildfire ruining across thousands of acres in California.

Overall, gender reveal parties can be held, but should be less extreme and use non-binary colours. They shouldn't be held in this pandemic, and we should be cautious of the possible consequences.