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Gloria Feldt is a leading activist, a best selling author of four books, and a commentator and keynote speaker on women and leadership, politics, power, health, and media. Her current book, [No Excuses: 9 Ways Women Can Change How We Think About Power ~ Tools for Leading an Unlimited Life](#) reveals why women are stuck at 18% of top leadership roles and, through both inspirational stories and practical tools, shows how women can redefine power, lead themselves with intention, and reach parity from the boardroom to the bedroom for good—their own and society’s.

#### **Author, Speaker, and Commentator**

Prior to writing *No Excuses, 9 Ways Women Can Change How We Think About Power*, Gloria co-wrote the New York Times best seller, *Send Yourself Roses: Thoughts on My Life, Love, and Leading Roles*, with the ever-powerful Kathleen Turner, *The War on Choice: The Right-Wing Attack on Women’s Rights and How to Fight Back and Behind Every Choice Is a Story*.

Her own popular blog, Heartfeldt, can be found on her website, [www.GloriaFeldt.com](http://www.GloriaFeldt.com). Her commentary has appeared in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *ELLE*, *More* and *Ms* among others, and on-line in *The Daily Beast*, *Alternet*, *Salon*, *The Huffington Post*, *Daily Kos*, *WIMNsVoices*, *Women’s Media Center*, *Truthout*, *Salon*, *Women’s e-News*, *ilfpost*, *Women’s Voices for Change*, and *RH Reality Check*. Gloria is a sought-after speaker for universities, professional and civic organizations, and women’s groups seeking inspiration, information, and leadership skills. She also tours with an intergenerational panel called “Women, Girls, Ladies”.

## Leader

Gloria's frontline experience has given her a unique understanding of the confluence of the personal and the political in leadership and American culture. Currently she is a professor of practice at Arizona State University where she teaches "Women, Power, and Leadership." *People* magazine called this former teen mom, who became leader of the world's largest reproductive and sexual health care provider and advocacy organization, "the voice of experience". She brought phenomenal growth to the Planned Parenthood affiliates she led in West Texas and Arizona, then served as president and CEO of Planned Parenthood Federation of America from 1996-2005. She led the organization to adopt a bold new Vision for 2025. Her call to "fight forward" scored insurance coverage for contraceptives and accessible emergency contraception. Under her leadership, the Planned Parenthood Action Fund grew into the largest nonpartisan pro-choice action fund. Her life's passion for social justice, especially for women, is her life's work.

## Honors and Civic Activities

*Vanity Fair* magazine named Gloria one of America's "top 200 women legends, leaders, and trailblazers". *Glamour* magazine honored her as Woman of the Year. She was one of *Women's e-News'* 2007 "21 Leaders for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century". *Texas Monthly*, naming her to its "Texas Twenty"—she hails originally from Temple TX—described her as "part den mother, part businesswoman, part Mae West".

Gloria is a fellow of the International Leadership Forum. She serves on the Women's Media Center board of directors, on the board of the Jewish Women's Archive, and advisory boards of Our Bodies, Ourselves, Women's Internet History Project, SheWrites.com, and Hygeia PCP.

## Personal and Family

Gloria and her husband, Alex Barbanell, have a combined family of six children, ten grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. They live in New York and Arizona.