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A topic I am really interested in is comparing the US and French cultures and histories, and how these have aided in forming policies in general. I would like to first discuss the main traits of these two cultures in policy-formation. On the one hand, the US tend to target minorities, be it through affirmative action or otherwise in their problem-solving strategies, while the French aim at using the "egalite, liberte, fraternite," motto in forming their policies that in general are phrased to include the whole population. In addition, I would like to use the model I discussed in Reaction Paper 5 to include how their histories and political evolutions have shaped gender-roles in the work place. Finally, I would like to touch on how both cultures have dealt with the issue of immigrants in the workplace in the Misra's model that I outlined in Reaction Paper 5.