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"A Study of the Transformation of Gender Identity among Women from the Beginning of the PRC (1949-1955)"



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ABSTRACT

At the beginning of 20th century, the thought advocating that women should have equality with men began to prevail in Chinese society. However, the profound transformation of gender identity among women started after the People's Republic of China was founded in 1949. This article will examine how the process dictated by the Central People's Government influenced women's gender identity during the period 1949-1955, based on the periodical, *Women of New China*. The new gender identity was established primarily under state power. The old sexist order, which believed in men's superiority and domination over women, was ultimately broken with the new interaction between the state and women.

BIO

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