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A COMPARISON OF ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF WOMEN IN UNITED STATES TO THAT IN BRAZIL

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This research analyzed the economic similarities and differences of women in two different countries. The research was conducted by reviewing articles written in women's magazines, and several scholarly journals including, Journal of Economic Literature, Cato Journal, Society in Transition Journal, and Journal of Ethnology, in order to explore the relationship in the economic well being of women between the two countries. Special attention was directed toward the issues of education, female owned business, poverty, health care, marital status, single parenthood, child care, unemployment, job opportunities and wages. Then, the researchers classified these issues in terms of local and national impact and recorded the findings for posterior comparison between the two countries. Results indicate that economic problems of women in Brazil concentrated almost entirely in urban communities. In the United States, they are also concentrated more frequently in urban areas. The data show that race, ethnicity and class are important factors to consider in comparing the well-being of women in the United States and Brazil.