

## WOMEN PIONEERED THESE TRADITIONALLY MALE JOBS IN THE WORLD



**Summary:** *Women actually pioneered some of the most traditionally male dominated jobs in the world before men took them over at a later time.*

Close to half of the workforce in the United States is made up of women, and the numbers continue to grow. A lot of the job fields in the workforce are still dominated by men today even with the changing landscape. But, what you might not realize, is that some of those jobs were pioneered by female workers. We will take a look at a couple of those jobs in this post.

### **Filmmaking**

One of the industries dominated by women was filmmaking. From the years 1916 to 1923, women led this industry like no other industry in the country. According to Harvard professor Jane Gaines, women were more powerful in the film industry during those years than in any other industry at that time. It was the era of the silent film, but many women worked as directors, writers, editors and producers.

### **Computer Programming**

The first-ever **computer programmer** was that of Ada Byron, the Countess of Lovelace. She is from the 19th Century and is considered to be the founder of scientific computing. Despite this fact, the tech, math, engineering and science industries are dominated by men, with less than 25 percent of these jobs held by women today.

### **Musical Drummers**

Whenever people think of a drummer for a band, they typically think of a man or start naming male drummers. This was not always the case. In fact, the position of drummer was originally dominated by women. Nowadays, drums are seen as a masculine musical instrument associated with rock stars and marching bands. But, ancient paintings have shown us that women were some of the world's earliest drummers. They would use drums to bring about fertility and birth and were very sacred to women.

### **Brew Masters**

Beer is one of the most popular forms of alcoholic drinks in the world and it was once dominated by women. Some of the original brew masters in the world were women because the job was viewed as a domesticated position. In today's beer manufacturing industry, less than one percent of employees are women.

### **Medical Doctors**

In what is still an industry dominated by men, the field of medicine was once dominated and pioneered by women. Women worked as healers during Ancient times in Greece and Egypt, but they were banned from practicing medicine when the church required doctors to attend college. Women, in the Middle Ages, were not permitted to attend college.

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