

## 2022 English Foundations 수준별 영어 에세이 대회

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● Read the topic and discuss it in 300–350 words

The Ministry of Women and Family is being expected to be abolished leaving 21 years of history behind. The current Korean government gives the reason for it that their role and responsibilities are vague, and the institution foments gender conflict rather than promoting gender equality. However, I disagree with the argument of the government and oppose the abolition of the Ministry of Women and Family.

The first reason is that the Ministry of Women and Family implements policies and programs not just for women. They also care for the socially vulnerable like youth, the elderly, single parent family, or multicultural families. After the current Korea government announced the plan to abolish the Ministry of Women and Family, being afraid if the support will be halted, numerous questions from the low-income families were posted on the internet. The amount of questions shows how many people they have helped since they was established in 2001 and their contributions to our society.

The Second reason is the role of the Ministry of Women and Family is irreplaceable. The government says that several other ministries like the Ministry of Health and Welfare can divide the business of the Ministry of Women and Family to take over, so they can replace it. However, when the responsibilities are transferred to other ministries, they may not be given the same weight and attention afforded in the Ministry of Women and Family. In other words, the substitute agencies may take on part of the tasks, and it could be treated as an extra burden to them. Most people don't like any form of additional task. In the same manner, these departments are unlikely to welcome the extra work, then it could be pushed back on the priority list. As the result, the work will be dealt with late or neglected altogether. In that case, people who need these supports

and have benefited from them are likely to be affected their quality of life, beyond mere discomfort if supports are neglected.

Today I have discussed my thoughts on the abolition of the Ministry of Women and Family. Once again, I oppose it for the reasons of the role, contribution, and irreplaceability of the institution. The decision of abolition was made emotionally in great haste. But I hope the current Korea government reconsider it examining carefully the successes and failings of the Ministry of Women and Family with the focus on the beneficiaries who received the Ministry of Women and Family's help. After these deliberations, it will not be too late to decide whether to continue, improve, or abolish, and it can minimize the occurrence of side effects due to excessive abolition.