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## Portia Simpson Miller

*It is often said that — "while the nation sleeps, she works".*

**R**anked in 2006 as number 89 on the Forbes list of The World's Most Powerful Women, former prime minister of Jamaica, the Honourable Portia Simpson was born on December 12, 1945 in Wood Hall, St Catherine, Jamaica. She attended the Marlie Hill Primary School, St Martin's High School and the Union Institute, Miami Florida where she read for a Bachelors Degree in Public Administration. While completing her degree she also completed a Diploma in Computing, Programming and Public Relations. In addition she has been awarded Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by the Union Institute.

Simpson Miller has been in the political arena for over 30 years and has offered her services to various positions in government such as in 2006, when she became the first female prime minister of Jamaica and third in the English speaking Caribbean. She currently holds the position of leader of opposition and leader of the People's National Party.

— Michael Thompson

