Global Gender Regimes

Women in Politics

Measures of women’s political behavior

Interest in politics

Voluntarism, work in non-profit sector

Voting in US

[Turnout](http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu/facts/voters/turnout)

[Gender Gap](http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu/facts/voters/gender_gap)

[Gender Gap in 2016 US Presidential Election](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2016/11/09/men-handed-trump-the-election/?utm_term=.91809838a892)

Best site for data on Women in US Politics: See Rutgers [Center for American Women in Politics](http://www.cawp.rutgers.edu/facts)

Running for office

Attaining political office

If women have ever attained a nation’s highest

Political offices

US Success Stories

First ever major party presidential nominee

Former Secretary of State

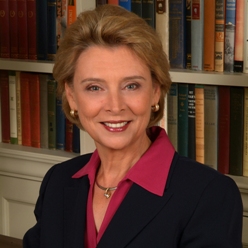
Former Senator of NY



One-time Speaker of the House and current Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)



Former WA State Governor Christine Gregoire (GU Law Alumna)



[Congressperson Cathy McMorris Rodgers](https://mcmorris.house.gov/meet-cathy/) (R-Spokane)



International Comparisons of Women in Politics

In comparative politics, most common measure used to gauge and compare women’s political power is:

Proportion of women serving in parliaments,

Typically the lower/only house

This data is compiled by the Women’s [Inter-Parliamentary Union](http://www.ipu.org/english/home.htm)

See What We Do…[Women in Politics](http://www.ipu.org/iss-e/women.htm)

[Current and Regional Averages](http://www.ipu.org/wmn-e/world.htm)

[Data by Country](http://www.ipu.org/wmn-e/classif.htm)



The Rwandan Parliament is the only parliament in the world where women outnumber men

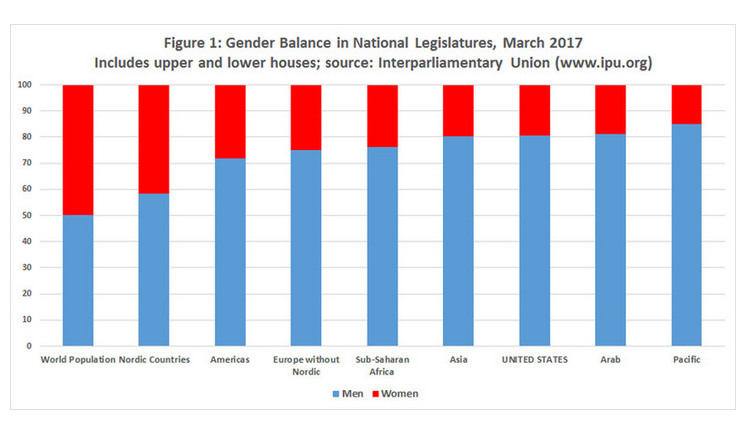
NPR/Invisibilia [story](http://www.npr.org/sections/goatsandsoda/2016/07/29/487360094/invisibilia-no-one-thought-this-all-womans-debate-team-could-crush-it) on

Where does the US rank globally?

101/190 countries

19.3% of the lower house as of 2016 elections

Vox [article on](https://www.vox.com/mischiefs-of-faction/2017/4/10/15239998/womens-representation-congress-america) (source of graphic below)



[UN Global Map 2017](http://i1.wp.com/www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/03-15-women-in-politics-2017-en.jpg?resize=2500%2C1651)

Why? Why, given all the opportunities American women have are there not more women in Congress, women presidents?

Institutional Factors

Presidential vs. parliamentary systems

Former British PM [Margaret Thatcher](http://www.margaretthatcher.org/essential/biography.asp)



German Chancellor [Angela Merkel](http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/4572387.stm)

[Longest serving](http://www.salon.com/2017/07/04/angela-merkel-ever-lasting-woman-leader_partner/) chancellor in post-war Germany and of all current democracies

2015 Time magazine [Person of the Year](http://time.com/time-person-of-the-year-2015-angela-merkel/)

The only world leader to consistently “[fact shame](http://www.vanityfair.com/news/2017/06/angela-merkel-fact-shames-donald-trump-again)” President Trump



Means of improving women’s representation in parliaments

Quotas/seats reserved for women – pros and cons?

Party based quotas/incentives

Why women don’t run

[Politico article](See Rutgers Center for American Women in Politics site for US data at all levels)

[Elder Article](http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1300/J014v26n02_02?journalCode=wzwp20)

Tests Sociological Factors (interest in politics, feelings of efficacy, gender role expectations, role models)

vs Structural Factors (women’s relative absence in professions leading to careers in politics)

vs Situational (disproportionate time/energy spent on child-rearing, family)

Finds that both Sociological and SITUATIONAL FACTORS even ANTICIPATING these responsibilities most depresses women’s rate of candidacy