

# LACK OF WOMEN IN THE US GOVERNMENT

## US women in government

- In 2018 there were 110 women in Congress (81 Dems, 29 Republicans) taking 20% of seats in congress
- There were 6 female Governors (4 Republican, 2 Dem) meaning Women make up 12% of Governors
- Finally there were 1,875 women holding seats in State Legislatures (1144 Dem 705 Republican) taking only 25% of all State Legislature seats
- The state with the most women in its state legislature was Arizona with only 40%, and the lowest is Wyoming with only 11% of seats going to women
- Luckily after the 2016 election we saw a steep uptick in women not only running but winning elections in the United States, but there is still work to be done.
- As well the vast majority of women in government tend to be Democrats meaning many Republican women are still quite under represented.

## Women in Gov. around the World

- Surprisingly the US which prides itself on being a world leader ranks 75<sup>th</sup> in women's representation in government in the world as of March 5<sup>th</sup> 2019
- Even when you just look at Representation in Legislative bodies the US only ranks 11<sup>th</sup> lacking behind countries such as Mexico, South Africa, Ethiopia, Germany, France ect...
- But that sad part is even the no country has a congress with 50% or more of women, Mexico has the highest with 49% women in its upper house, but after that there are only 3 other countries with over 40% of seats held by women.

## The Problems and the assistance

- There are many sexist barriers that make it harder on women to run, as well as societal pressures and norms that also make it far easier for men to run.
- For example women work more than most men, however this is not all paid work, a lot of it is household work, and if the women has children these responsibilities exponentially grow.
- On top of that there were far fewer resources and scouting organizations with the goal of helping women run for office than there are for men.
- Luckily after the 2016 election there was a massive women's movement leading to the creation of many organizations with the goal of helping women run and get elected, but there is still much more work to be done
- One of these organizations is <https://www.womeningovernment.org/>