

## Women as Political Leaders

Q1. Which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion about men/women as political leaders?

- Men generally make better political leaders than women
- Women generally make better political leaders than men
- In general, women and men make equally good political leaders

Q2. Now thinking about society as a whole, how many people would you say believe men make better political leaders than women?

- Most people
- Some
- Only a few
- No one thinks that anymore

Q3. Do you think it is easier, more difficult or no different for men vs women to get elected to high political offices, such as Member of Parliament (MP) or Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) in your province?

- Easier for men to get elected to high political office
- Easier for women to get elected to high political office
- Not much difference

Q4. Fewer women than men occupy high political offices. For example, 26% of the MPs in the Canadian Parliament are women. Here is a list of some possible reasons why. For each, please indicate whether you think it is a major reason, a minor reason or not a reason why there are fewer women in high political offices.

[ROWS]

- Many Canadians aren't ready to elect a woman to higher office
- Women's responsibilities to family don't leave time for politics
- Generally speaking, women aren't tough enough for politics
- Few women have the experience required for higher office
- Women who are active in party politics get less support from party leaders
- Women who run for office are held to higher standards than men

[COLUMNS]

- Not a reason at all
- Minor reason
- Major reason

Q5. Political parties have said one of the reasons they don't have more women running for office is they have a hard time finding women who will even agree to run. Below is a list of some possible reasons

women might not want to run in the first place. For each, please indicate whether you think it is a major reason, a minor reason or not a reason why fewer women run for office.

[ROWS]

Women don't like taking risks

Women don't like the mudslinging of politics

Family commitments

Women don't see themselves as qualified for office

Political parties don't do enough to encourage women candidates

[COLUMNS]

Not a reason at all

Minor reason

Major reason

[Pew]Q6. In general, do you think men or women in high political offices are better at each of the following?

[ROWS]

Standing up for what they believe in, despite political pressure

Being honest and ethical

Working out compromises

Working to improve the quality of life for Canadians

Being persuasive

[COLUMNS]

Men are way better

Men hold a slight advantage

Men and women are equally good

Women hold a slight advantage

Women are way better

Q7. How important is it to you personally – this issue of the representation of women in political office?

I care deeply – I think about this issue often and discuss it with friends/family

I care – this is a legitimate issue

I don't really care - this is not a big deal to me

I don't care at all - this is just not an issue

Q8. And lastly, Hillary Clinton, as the presumptive Democratic Party nominee, is expected to be the first woman to run with a major party for President of the United States. All things considered, as you look at

her career and road to the nomination, would you say Hillary Clinton has been politically helped or hurt by the fact she is a woman?

- Helped a lot
- Helped
- No difference
- Hurt
- Hurt a lot