



Women Foreign Policy & National Security

Despite the progress of the last few decades, the world's female population remains grossly underrepresented in politics, foreign policy, and national security.



3,700,000,000

Women in the world

23.3%

World average of women in parliament



23

female world leaders



*Includes elected heads of state and heads of government up to October 2017. Source: UN Women

18.3%



As of January 2017, the number of women government ministers worldwide.

Source: UN Women

Women's participation in peace processes increases the chance that an agreement will address the unique needs of women and children in post-conflict situations.

82%

of peace agreements (1990-2014) made no reference to women



3%

UN Peacekeepers

Peace

Between 1992 - 2011 women constituted

2%

Mediators

4%

Witnesses & Signatories

9%

Negotiators

of peace agreements.

4%

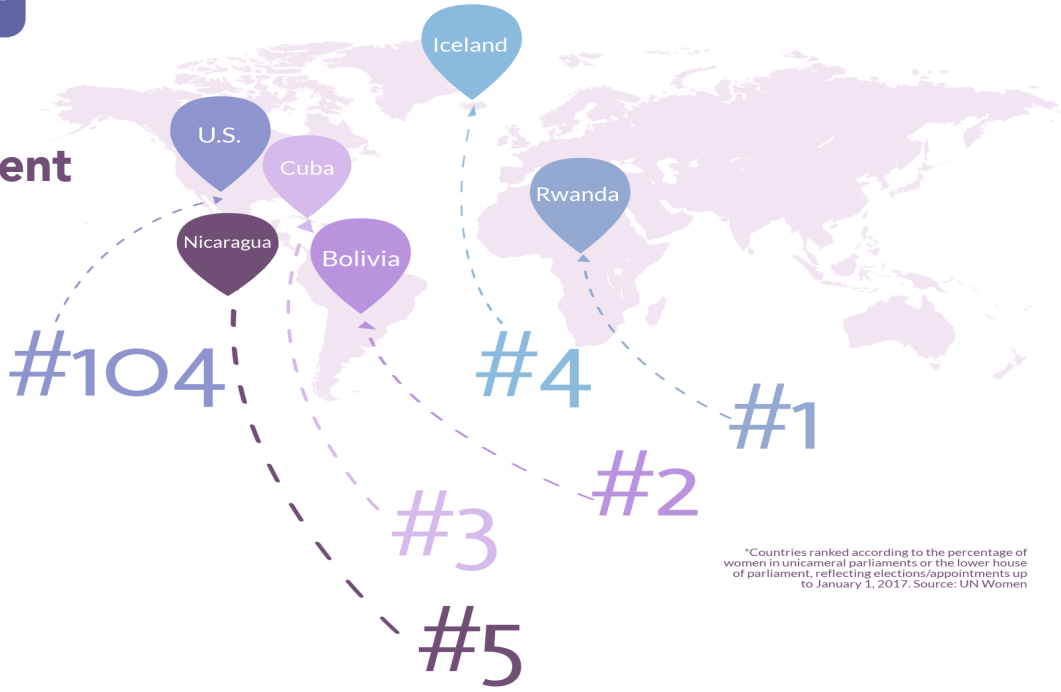
of peace agreements signed between 1990-2014 mention gender based violence

In 2000, the UN Security Council adopted Resolution 1325, reaffirming the important role of women in the prevention and resolution of conflicts, peace negotiations, peace-building, peacekeeping, humanitarian response and in post-conflict reconstruction and stresses the importance of their equal participation and full involvement in all efforts for the maintenance and promotion of peace and security. Resolution 1325 urges all actors to increase the participation of women and incorporate gender perspectives in all United Nations peace and security efforts.

UNSCR 1325



Women in Parliament World Rankings



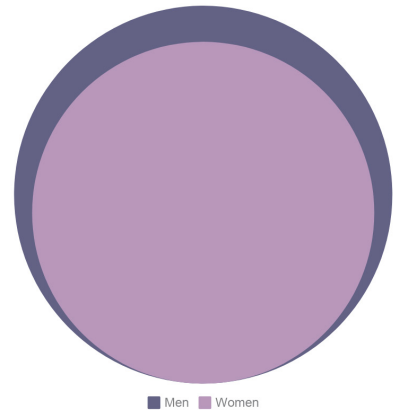
*Countries ranked according to the percentage of women in unicameral parliaments or the lower house of parliament, reflecting elections/appointments up to January 1, 2017. Source: UN Women

Women make up
19.4%
of U.S. Congress

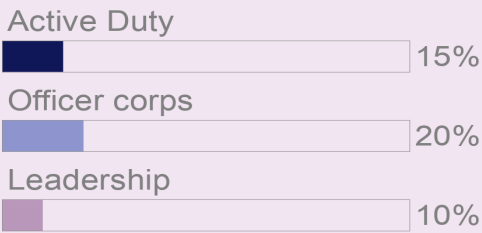
Women in America

45%

Entering Foreign Service Officers



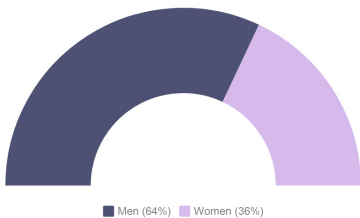
Women in Defense*



U.S. Defense

- 3** Secretary of State
- 2** National Security Advisor
- 2** Secretary of Homeland Security
- 0** Secretary of Defense

As of 2016, 36% of U.S. ambassadors are women



Source: Pew Research Center

Gisly N. Kamarck, "Diversity, Inclusion, and Equal Opportunity in the Armed Services: Findings and Issues for Congress," Congressional Research Service, December 2016. <http://fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/R44321.pdf>.

9%

Only 9% of U.S. ambassadors to date have been women