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**Introduction**

During the last few decades, there is a rigorous change that occurred in the world political system. In more than a hundred states, shares for females are adopted for their selection in government offices. The presence of allowances has given a significant edge to the countries to speed up the process of development and competition in the international movement of providing equal rights to every gender. Same is the case with the United States where the political institutions have to acknowledge the importance of participation of women, and it borrows the approaches from European rules for maximizing the representation of females in their offices. A primary purpose is to reduce the gender gap and to work according to the international norms.

**Discussion**

**Summary of Case Study Topic**

Concerning the women participation in politics, the United State is fallen behind most of the established democracies. From the century, there is no or less involvement of women in politics, and they remained under-representation in the local, state and federal level. Further the current participation of women in an election is unlikely to close the gender gap because of the social choice made by the public in a recent presidential election. Hillary Clinton was defeated despite her powerful induction in the political arena, which shows the acceptance and level of participation for women[[1]](#footnote-1). However, reforms can provide varieties of changes from the experiences of European states and the push for broader social and institutional barriers for a similar political demonstration. For example, a female candidate should not have the concerns of approaching to legislature other state organs without any fear of being harassed or other gender-sensitive matters.

**Major Issues**

There are various challenges faced by the United States in reforming and increasing the involvement of women for political offices. Equal access is something that can be possible in contemporary society, but it is not so easy to provide it to the female gender[[2]](#footnote-2). Expansion of ranked choice voting is a significant challenge in multimember districts, and it is followed by the institutional mandates along with the volunteer recruitment targets for well-resourced party mechanism.

It is imperative to recruit, support and help the women in disbursing their duties without any racial restrictions. There would be a high level of gender parity if the very fundamental issues were not resolved professionally. The establishment of gender parity targets and fundraising support is the issue that must be addressed through appropriate action committees’ contemporary barriers in the advancement of females in executive branches, state legislatures, and Congress is a case in point. The universal gender equality plans also fail because of the choices made by society and cultural restrictions which shift the public finances from females to male individuals.

Further, the advocacy for the gender programs is also weak in their nature, finance and technical support from people of US society. Many countries have made rapid progress in the field, but the US has not kept the same pace which it should be. There is only 19 percent of women that are holding positions in the Senate and Congress. Among the 200 members of the United Nations, the US has a ratio with the situation at 101. Although there is a significant improvement over the past decades and the current progress will not achieve the full legislative parity in the US Congress for another ten decades. Most of the socioeconomic and straightforward indicators are similar to the European states, but the US lags the values of providing an optimum level of freedom to female genders[[3]](#footnote-3). Various western countries are improving their progress and offering multiple opportunities to females in the UK, Spain, Netherlands, Italy, Germany, France and Belgium. There parties and legislatures have more than 30 percent of female representation. These states have also increased the female involvement in leading the ministerial positions, parliamentary committees and both houses of the parliament.

**Review of Pros and Cons**

The debate about women participation in politics is continuously inviting the attention of people and social communities across the world. Many females are politically energized, but men still have the edge of being considered for the office and especially for leading a nation. There could be varied reasons for individuals to recognize the women as an outstanding member of the political process, but the review of benefits reflect that they should be given due importance. One of the significant facts is that there is enough evidence in the world to show the positive impacts of women leadership and their success in the government. With more women in power, everyone gets a benefit. Children, families, and females have a significant amount of policies under the leadership of their choice. Further, the US society can efficiently streamline its national groups through a fair share of genders in the decision and lawmaking process.

The election or the practices in political life often not require certain standards of education; rather it is based on the experiences and level of wisdom to run an office. For example, in the international affairs, the current scenario represented by a war-torn atmosphere would not have happened if there is a women President in the United States. Hillary Clinton was defeated which generate significant gap for gender disparities in the civilized societies like the USA. Further, the essential element is the soft corner that a woman can exercise under the umbrella of its best ideas and wisdom[[4]](#footnote-4). An administrator like Donald Trump can make any mistake which could cause massive destruction in global affairs. Everything is not easy and as usual, as perceived by the people. No doubt a male person has more capacity to lead a nation in political affairs, but women also have the same abilities which are generally not recognized by our society. Parliamentary affairs require a defensive and logical debate among the parties in government and those which are in the opposition.

Any government in the best interests of people can use the soft power of females as members of the parliament and win races inside the house. Various other fields and professions are available for the equal representation of women where they can play a positive and progressive role. Especially in the matters related to foreign affairs and diplomatic channel, women have an edge because of the soft corner and the ability to talk more and more. On the negotiation table, there are varied reasons for winning the dialogue and one of the significant factor is the art of speaking politely and indirectly. It would be very wrong to say that women cannot have the ability to run the political office in the United States. The permanent representative of the US in the United Nations is also a woman who is dealing with the globule world effectively and professionally. Many success stories are part of female contributions in political practices and at the front of diplomacy.

As propounded by many the other side of the story is that the nature and elemental composition of women are to follow the footprints of male fellow. This concept has significantly influenced the American society where they are not ready to provide a chance for a female representative as leader of the nation. One of the significant factors is the traditional style of representation and male-dominated role in US politics[[5]](#footnote-5). The founding father was also the fathers, not mothers who set a precedent that there should be a male leader. Women are playing their role in other professions and field of interests, but they are less in political practices. Further, the current stability and structure are also mounted by various factors that restrict a female naturally not to lead the 2.5 million people of America.

Various blunders and weaknesses were noted by the scientist of political science in the system of politics that were committed by a female representative. However after the revolution of 16th and 17th century where first ladies like Jane Austen and Virginia Woolf raise their voice for political and social rights. During the last few decades, these measures were also noted and implemented by US political leaders and a maintainable space was given to the female members in representation. Similarly, the rise of Hillary Clinton as a candidate for presidency led to reflect a sign of reformation in the entire process.

Giving preference to women creates troubles for the principle of equal opportunities and it implies that politician is elected because of their gender. There is a surprising fact that a woman because of its gender doesn't want to choose for the representation. They are well aware that running an office is not the child business, and it took heavy responsibility for representing small to large scale people in the United States. With their weak and unstable organs, they cannot make strong and powerful decisions. There is a need for rationalization of thoughts to counter the opposition in legislatures and to defend the stance of the nation at a global level[[6]](#footnote-6). These qualities are less in females than the male politicians who can protect and take a certain level of stand over the particular issue.

**My Position on the Women Participation in the US**

The history of the United States is technically different from the rest of the world, as it is a male-dominated society. However, being a male and influential member of the community, there are specific rules that are devised for the functions and responsibilities of both genders. Since the last century, there are many reforms initiative taken by the states across the world. These reformations have also affected the United States in one or the other way. Following the guidelines directives of United Nation, it is taking considerable steps for the increasing participation of women in the process of politics and representing the nation at local, state and international level. I want to approach the matter of subject through a balance and manageable way. Why it is essential is the fact that without women we cannot complete a society. The natural law also supports the creation of two genders to end the community reasonably and sustainably.

If a society cannot be completed without the women, the process of legislation and decision making of political nature has relied on the prominence of women which should be participative. Further, the elimination of one gender from the entire process is not possible. We will have to arrange a maximum level of seats for the stability of the political process along with the economic boosting of USA. Various examples reflected the economic growth of countries through the services rendered by females.

These economic indicators have a direct impact on the politics and nature of works in the legislatures. Representation of female members is sufficient for changing the lives of those who cannot change their life without having struggled at a massive level. These few women can raise voice for those who cannot speak due to oppression and lack of education[[7]](#footnote-7). A very wrong concept has generated over the last seven to eight decades, and we need to manage political participation by balancing their numbers with the male politicians. I will not support the overwhelming voice and participation of women but a reasonable choice like 40/60 percent in the lawmaking forums.

**Conclusion**

Concluding the discussion the case study provides the gaps that exist in the current political system that is operating in the United States. Women participation in this regard have various indicators, but their representation is increased significantly. The reformations and the measures taken are signs of change that have affected the entire globe. Various political institutions have acknowledged the importance of participation of women, and it borrows the approaches from European rules for maximizing the representation of females in their offices.

The principal purpose is to reduce the gender gap and to work according to the global requirements that are underlined by the United Nations[[8]](#footnote-8). In the sustainable development goals SDGs, there is involvement of gender equality as the goal which must be achieved by every state of this world. United State has complied with those measures and giving a reasonable place to females for their active role in the political stability and transformation of political organs in a professional way. The basic rule of democracy which is the equal rights for all should not be violated under any circumstances.

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