



ACTION ALERT

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Women are still under represented in elected office, but we have a great opportunity to do something about that. A record number of women have filed to run for the U.S. House of Representatives. This election cycle 584 women have qualified to run for the House.

Both parties have set a record in the number of women running for the House. These record numbers are following on the record setting number of women who ran in 2018. Democrats have 357 women running. Republicans have 227 women running. These numbers are a 23% increase over the previous record of 476 women who campaigned for House seats in 2018. Despite the major jump in 2019, women now hold only 23% of the seats in the current 116th Congress.

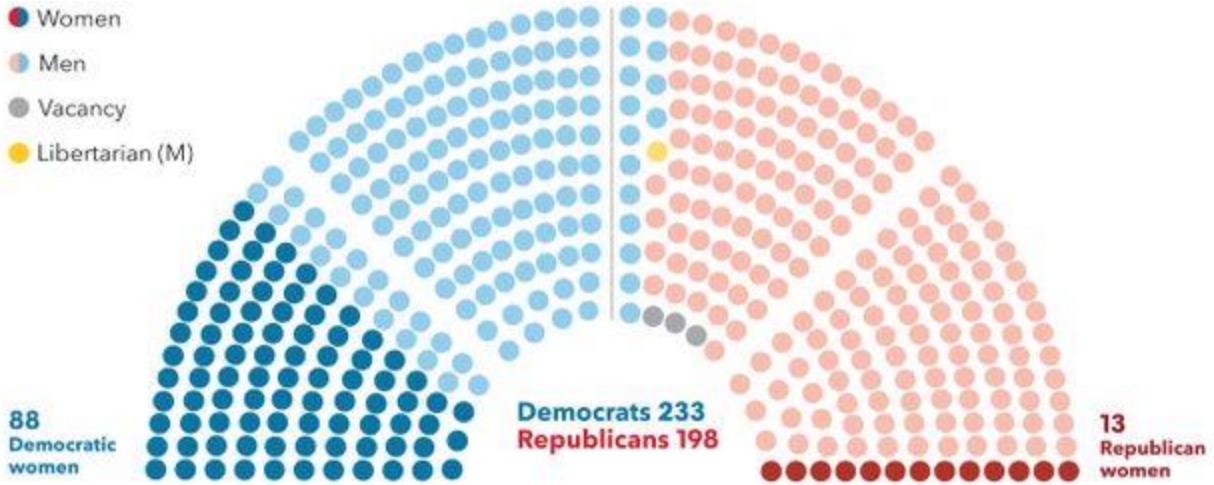
According to the Center for American Women in Politics at Rutgers University, 19 states still must hold primaries. Democratic women are the nominees in 135 districts so far and Republican women are the nominees in 63 districts, CAWP data show. The GOP's previous high for House women nominees was 53 in 2004.

The 2018 election left the House Republican Conference with only 13 women compared with 88 Democratic women. Let's leave these Republican women behind again. Let's work very hard to elect our Democratic colleagues.

If you live in a district that is served by a Democrat that is safe in his or her re-election, please help campaign for a Democrat who is attempting to flip another district. Nowadays, campaigns have computer generated phone banking that you can make calls from the comfort of your home. You can write post cards and more. Let's work hard to keep the below diagram of the House members even more Blue. Working together we can make this happen. Isn't this a beautiful sight?

Women in the House

The 116th Congress began with a record 102 women in the House, consisting of 89 Democrats and 13 Republicans – a big shift from the 64 Democratic women and 23 Republican women in the chamber at the end of the last Congress.



Notes: Data as of July 8, 2020. Rep. Katie Hill (D-Calif.) resigned in November 2019.
Source: Bloomberg Government data

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