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THE GENDER GAP IN POLITICAL POWER: CAUSES, CONSEQUENCES, AND PATHS FORWARD

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Why are women underrepresented in politics? What are the consequences of their exclusion? What can be done to increase women's access to power? This talk explores the barriers that limit women's access to political office, including gaps in political ambition, voter bias, and elite-level resistance. It also examines how women's underrepresentation shapes policy outcomes, affecting the priorities governments pursue and citizens' relationships with the state. Drawing on evidence based research, the presentation identifies practical tools to increase women's representation, such as political encouragement, candidate training, and electoral gender quotas. Designed for scholars, students, and public audiences, this session highlights data-driven strategies for understanding and addressing gender disparities in political representation.