

How can more women get into politics?

Are you interested in politics? Watch the video to find out how some countries have tried to get more women involved.

Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

percentage	prime minister	right to vote	targets	election
controversial	seat	in office	parliament	equality

1. In most countries, all men and women aged 18 and over have the
2. Often when a country chooses new politicians, people vote in an
3. A is an amount expressed as a number out of a hundred (%).
4. A is the group of people who make the laws of the country.
5. In some countries the leader of the government is called the
6. When a politician has a job in the government, we can say they are
7. Some countries have of the number of women they aim to have in parliament.
8. If a subject is, people have strong opinions and disagree about it.
9. Having the same number of men and women in parliament means there is gender
10. A parliamentary is the official position that someone has in a parliament.

Tasks

Task 1

Choose the best answer.

1. When were women in Saudi Arabia first allowed to vote in elections?
 - a. 1985
 - b. 2005
 - c. 2015

2. What happened in the election in India in 2019?
 - a. Approximately the same number of men and women voted.
 - b. More women than men voted.
 - c. More men than women voted.

3. Which was the first country where women had the right to vote?
 - a. Finland
 - b. New Zealand
 - c. India

4. When did New Zealand's prime minister have a baby?
 - a. While she was working in her office.
 - b. While she was at hospital.
 - c. During the time that she had the job of prime minister.

5. Who is the youngest woman ever to be elected prime minister?
 - a. Jacinda Ardern of New Zealand
 - b. Sanna Marin of Finland
 - c. Margaret Thatcher of the UK

6. How many female prime ministers has New Zealand had?
 - a. one
 - b. two
 - c. three

7. Which country has the most women in politics?
 - a. Rwanda
 - b. South Africa
 - c. India

8. What was Rwanda's goal in 2003?
 - a. To get more women to vote in elections.
 - b. To get more women to become politicians in parliament.
 - c. To get more young people to become politicians.

Task 2

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

first	third	two-thirds	more
percentage	30	34	a small share

1. In India's election in 2019, the same of women voted as men.
2. In India in 2019, female members of parliament were elected than ever before.
3. New Zealand was the country to give women the right to vote.
4. Sanna Marin was years old when she became prime minister of Finland.
5. Jacinda Ardern is New Zealand's woman prime minister.
6. In Rwanda in the 1990s, women only made up of their parliamentary seats.
7. In 2003, Rwanda set a goal to make per cent of their elected politicians women.
8. Today, women make up nearly of the Rwandan parliament.

Discussion

Which important women are there in politics in your country?

Answers

Preparation task

1. right to vote
2. election
3. percentage
4. parliament
5. prime minister
6. in office
7. targets
8. controversial
9. equality
10. seat

Task 1

1. c
2. a
3. b
4. c
5. b
6. c
7. a
8. b

Task 2

1. percentage
2. more
3. first
4. 34
5. third
6. a small share
7. 30
8. two-thirds