Breaking the Political Glass Ceiling: 100 Years of Women Running for Public Office

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Since 1916, when the first woman was elected to the U.S. Congress, fewer than 10 percent of all members have been women. Why is this number so extraordinarily small? Exploring the history of women running for public office from Elizabeth Cady Stanton to Hillary Clinton, we can see distinct patterns in the success of female candidates. While the stories of these pioneering women are truly inspirational, the "rules of the game," including the power of incumbency and gerrymandering, create a political glass ceiling that persists even in the 21st Century.