

**Book Review:**

**Measuring Women's Political Empowerment across the Globe: Strategies, Challenges and Future Research**

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This book addresses an important facet of women political empowerment across the globe. It is a fundamental requisite for gender equality in society. Women global political empowerment can be described as the process of improvement of assets, abilities, traits, develop greater choices and achievements of women to gain equal access to men in influencing and employing political authority worldwide. This book has central point that women political empowerment demands equal distribution of power between men and women and represent women as separate entity in social system. Alexander and Coffé cover global public opinion from project and discusses women political empowerment in different ways such as (1) Mainstream political engagement and participation (2) Political activism, and (3) Attitudes concerning the political empowerment of women. This book provides recapitulation of the status of women's political empowerment across the globe. Gender differences as well as attitudes towards women role in politics may be different across various cultures in different countries. The authors narrate that in countries where are higher levels of economic and human development, women are more engage in the labor force and to reach higher levels of education which increase their levels of political participation and thus gender gaps are decreased. Quantitative measures were adopted which measured attitude towards women political empowerment. The book mainly addresses the role of women as political leader and second revolves around women have same right of democracy as men.

The authors divided book in to twelve chapters. The women can only have empowered politically when they have equality with men as political elites in social system. Women political empowerment is limited because they belong to femininity, it also incorporates inequality and marginalization within social system. The authors skillfully explain women political empowerment across the globe and examine women's election to representative office at various levels and within the legislature. There are perspectives of citizens on women's political empowerment, with women being overall less participatory but more supportive of a role for women in politics. Gender also plays major role in political empowerment. In countries where there are higher levels of economic and human development, these women actively participate in the labor force and to reach higher levels of education in return it increases their political participation. The authors argue disempowerment is main cause of insecurity which leads women towards less political empowerment. They also stressed out that equality promotes women empowerment. Democratic government also plays an important role in promoting women political empowerment. It gives gender equality and also strengthens minorities or different ethnic groups to participate in politics. The structure and ideology of political parties is important for women's empowerment. There are many social, political and economic aspects that shape women political empowerment. In many parts of the world, politics is only the sole property of men and women cannot enjoy their political and social rights. It is an established fact that economic status plays an effective role in promoting stability, financial freedom and it has direct influence on women capability to participate in political proceedings.

In nutshell, this book draws perfect picture of women political empowerment in different scenarios. This book is a treasure for scholarly research of gender and politics. It dexterity narrated that women political empowerment is basic for understanding the phenomena of political empowerment. In addition, women social movements in developed and developing nations were measured in a quantitative manner. The authors extensively covered all the aspects of women empowerment at local level, electing women to national legislature, measuring women judicial movement and women incorporation in parliament and cabinet. In this context, gender remains a relevant factor in women global political empowerment. The book presents an excellent literary work for gender studies and feminist politics.

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