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Course reserves & textbooks!
Course Reserves
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Breaking down a topic & Search strategies
Search Tips

**AND** – limits how many results your search produces
Example: nationalism AND politics

**OR** – increases the number of results your search produces
Example: elect OR vote

“” - exact phrase, limits your search results
Example: “political parties”

*- truncation: retrieves all words that start with the letters entered and expands search results
Example: democra* finds democracy, democracies, democratic, democratization
Avoid Searching with Linking words

Effects
Impact
Consequences
Influence
Results
Cause
Importance
Significance
Response
Emphasis

Each author may use different linking words when discussing similar topics.

You don’t want your search to be limited to those books and articles that only contain the word “effect” or “consequence”
What are the challenges of Indigenous self-government in Canada, and how can be overcome?

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What are the causes of women’s underrepresentation in Canadian politics?

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Academic Sources
(women or woman or female) AND (politic* or elect*) AND representation AND Canad*
Use the Subject Headings to help focus your search and find relevant titles.

The subjects can also be added as keywords to future searches.
How do I know if a book is academic?

Is the Publisher a University Press?
The majority of books published by university presses are considered academic.

How long is the book? Academic books will be a couple hundred pages.

Academic books always include bibliographical references.
How do I know if a book is academic?

What are the author affiliations or bio information? Are they affiliated with a university or research institute?

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  - Canadian Law: KE

  - Women, Feminism: HQ

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Search phrase for Database Searching

(women or woman or female or gender*)

AND (politic* or elect* or legislat* or parliament*)

AND (inequality or equality or representation or marginaliz* or parity)

AND Canad*
Database searching: ProQuest Combined Canadian

Subject
- politics (434)
- women (419)
- feminism (254)
- book reviews (218)
- nonfiction (94)

Combined Canadian databases

Advanced Search
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- Field codes
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Search history:
- (women or woman or female or gender*)
- (politic* or elect* or legislat* or parliament*)
- (inequality or equality or representation or marginaliz* or parity)
- canada

Limit to: Peer reviewed
Database Searching: Political Science Complete
Accessing journal articles
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Has the article gone through the peer review process?

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The reviewers assess the article’s validity, importance, and originality, and then recommend whether it should be printed in the journal.

The reviewers’ suggestions are considered by the journal’s editor, who makes the final decision about whether to accept or reject the article.

Criteria for evaluating academic or scholarly articles
How do I know if an article is academic?

How long is the article? Academic articles are 10+ pages.

Is the author affiliated with a university?
How do I know if an article is academic?

There should be citations to other sources throughout the paper, supporting the central arguments.

Look at the structure of the paper, are there headings, an introduction and conclusion?

Informal Influences in Selecting Female Political Candidates

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Abstract

The authors argue that the gender composition of party gatekeepers—those responsible for candidate recruitment—plays a crucial role in either encouraging or discouraging women candidates to run for office. Using an original data set that includes constituency-level information for all parties and candidates in the 2004 and 2006 Canadian national elections, the authors find support for this proposition. Women candidates are more likely to be nominated when the gatekeeper—the local party president—is a woman rather than a man. The results underline the importance of understanding women’s political representation.

Keywords: women’s representation, gender, candidate selection, informal influences, party politics

Research Design

To test our hypothesis about the importance of party gatekeepers, we need information on the gender composition of the gatekeepers and the gender of the candidates selected in each constituency. Unfortunately, such detailed data are not readily available for most developed countries, let alone for a cross-national sample of all countries. Thus, our country selection needs to accommodate both theoretical considerations and data availability concerns.

We test our argument by examining party gatekeepers in Canada, where the nomination of party candidates is the prerogative of the local party association (Carty and Erickson 1991; Carty, Engels, and Sayers 2003), headed by a local executive committee. In this case, the gatekeeper should have a direct effect on the dependent variable, candidate gender, and it may also influence the relationship between analysis. These cases are coded I to operationalize the variable controlled submission.

Socioeconomic and cultural variables may also influence how women-friendly a district is. For example, districts where income and education levels are higher may be more receptive toward women in politics. We control for this by including the share of college graduates in the district population and average household income in the analysis. These variables are controlled in this model. Next, we include the share of English speakers in the district population and the share of Catholics in the district population.

Previous research suggests that there may also be regional differences in the representation of women (Castells 2002). To address this possibility, we divide the provinces into five regions, which include Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan; East includes New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island; North includes the Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and Yukon; and Ontario and Quebec are listed as separate regions. The analysis includes region dummies, leaving Quebec as the reference category. Finally, we also control for the election year because our data are pooled across two elections.

Analysis and Findings

The dependent variable is binary, which is why we use a probit regression to analyze the data. The results of this regression analysis are presented in Table 2. As hypothesized, the local party president’s gender has an expected positive and significant effect on the gender of the candidate. Having a woman as the local party president significantly increases the probability that the party candidate will be a woman. The substantive effect of this variable is better grasped by calculating the predicted probabilities. When all other variables in the model are held at their means (for continuous variables) or median (for categorical variables) value, the probability that the candidate will be a woman is 0.23 if the president is male and 0.29 if the president is female. The discrete effect of a president’s gender on a candidate’s gender is 0.06. That is, the probability that the
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