## RECENT TRENDS

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<th>More women in political office</th>
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<td>Challenge politics as a male domain</td>
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<td>Public = male</td>
<td>Mechanisms to communicate that women do not belong in politics</td>
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EXAMPLES

- Murder or kidnapping (real or threat)
- Sexual assault (real or threat)
- Pressure and threats to resign
- Sexual harassment by colleagues
- Character assassination, incl. morality
- Sexualized, criticized as wives/mothers
- Denied resources; false information
### VAW IN POLITICS

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<td>→ Murder, assault</td>
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<td>→ Intimidate, harass</td>
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KEY POINTS

- Recognize VAWIP in various versions
  - Why violence
  - How perpetrated
- Variety of actors
- Problem exists in all countries, esp. when define widely

Above and beyond ‘political violence’
POLICY SOLUTIONS

- Laws on violence and harassment
- Support networks for elected women
- Call centers to report violence
- Sexual harassment policies
- Campaigns on sexism in media
- Training, recruiting female journalists
- Using social media to report, publicize
Restricts women’s legislative work
Impacts women’s political ambition
Shapes and reflects views on women in society; perpetuates inequality
Affects integrity of democracy
Who runs, how they perform; climate
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