



The Canada Challenge
Tracking 2008 Federal Nominations
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Party	Candidates Nominated 2008	Men Nominated 2008	Women Nominated 2008	Women Nominated 2006 Election	Women MPs Elected 2006
Conservative	238/308 (77.2%)	199 (83.6%)	39 (16.3%)	12.3%	11%
Liberal	203/308* (65.9%)	129 (63.5%)	74 (36.4%)	25.6%	21%
NDP	163/308 (52.9%)	101(61.9%)	62 (38%)	35%	41%
Bloc	40/75 (53.3%)	30 (75%)	10 (25%)	30.6%	33%

** The Liberal Party is declining to run a candidate in Central Nova, where Green Leader Elizabeth May is running. The Green Party has nominated 100 candidates, 26% of which are women. This information has been collected by Equal Voice researchers utilizing Elections Canada data and news sources.*

What is the Canada Challenge?

On International Women's Day (March 8, 2007) Equal Voice issued the Canada Challenge to the leaders of the federal political parties asking them to run more women in the next federal election.

Backing the issue, on behalf of Equal Voice, are political trailblazers, Rt. Hon. Kim Campbell, a Progressive Conservative who served as Canada's first woman Prime Minister, Hon. Judy Erola, a Liberal who served as Canada's Minister responsible for the Status of Women, Hon. Audrey McLaughlin of the NDP, the first woman to serve as the Leader of a federal political party in Canada and Conservative Senator Pat Carney, the first woman to have served as Canada's Minister of Energy and Mines, Minister of International Trade and President of Treasury Board, major economic portfolios. All four women are members of Equal Voice's Advisory Board which brings together women of all political stripes to work across party lines for the election of more women.

On April 17, 2007 all the political parties responded to Equal Voice's Canada Challenge by making statements in the House of Commons committing to electing more women.

To follow up on the Canada Challenge, Equal Voice is tracking the numbers of women nominated by each political party.

Equal Voice has released reports tracking the numbers of women candidates in the past two federal elections.