

## Women and the Election: Assessing the Impact of Gender Quotas

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This chapter analyses the impact of gender quotas on the selection and election of women in the 2016 general election. It begins by reviewing the gendered recruitment and candidate selection plans of political parties as they implemented gender quotas. This is followed by a review of women's candidate selection, identifying the challenges and controversies that emerged as parties set about reaching the 30 per cent gender threshold. Attention then turns to the election campaign to identify the presence, if any, of a gendered dimension to campaign issues before examining women's electoral performance to assess the impact of gender quotas on the electoral prospects of women. The chapter concludes by assessing the current status of women in political decision-making in Ireland and profiling the women elected.

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