

# Navigating the Legislative Pipeline :

## Why Women Have Been Politically Successful in Colorado

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**42% of the Colorado State Legislature identifies as female, bested only by Nevada with 52%.**



What has been responsible for such an increase – particularly among Democratic women – in Colorado?

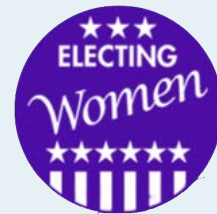
**1**

Extensive recruitment and strong political networks through organizations like "Emerge" and "VoteRunLead".

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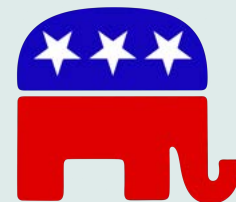
**2**

Consistent campaign finance support through the "Electing Women PAC" and "Emily's List".



**3**

Lack of support for pro-choice women in the Republican party.



As qualitative based research, most data is collected through interviews using the snowball effect which occurs when current interviewees recruit future subjects from their personal networks. We have been able to speak to women across all spheres of Colorado politics such as US House Representative Dianna DeGette and State Senator Faith Winter.

## Next Steps...

We will continue to conduct interviews throughout the school year and through our findings better understand why Coloradan women have found more political success in comparison to other states! This research will serve as a foundation for a book project on which Dr. Wolfe is working.