

Are obstacles disappearing? Assessing the media and public framing of women politicians in Canada

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Table 1

Percentage of seats won by women in Canadian federal elections, 1984-2008

| Year | Total Number of Seats | Seats Held by Women | Proportion of Seats Held by Women |
|------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1984 | 282 | 27 | 9.6% |
| 1988 | 295 | 39 | 13.3% |
| 1993 | 295 | 53 | 18% |
| 1997 | 301 | 62 | 20.6% |
| 2000 | 301 | 62 | 20.6% |
| 2004 | 308 | 65 | 21.1% |
| 2006 | 308 | 64 | 20.8% |
| 2008 | 308 | 68 | 22.1% |

Sources:

- www.equalvoice.ca
- <http://www.parl.gc.ca/information/library/PRBpubs/prb0562-e.htm>

Table 2

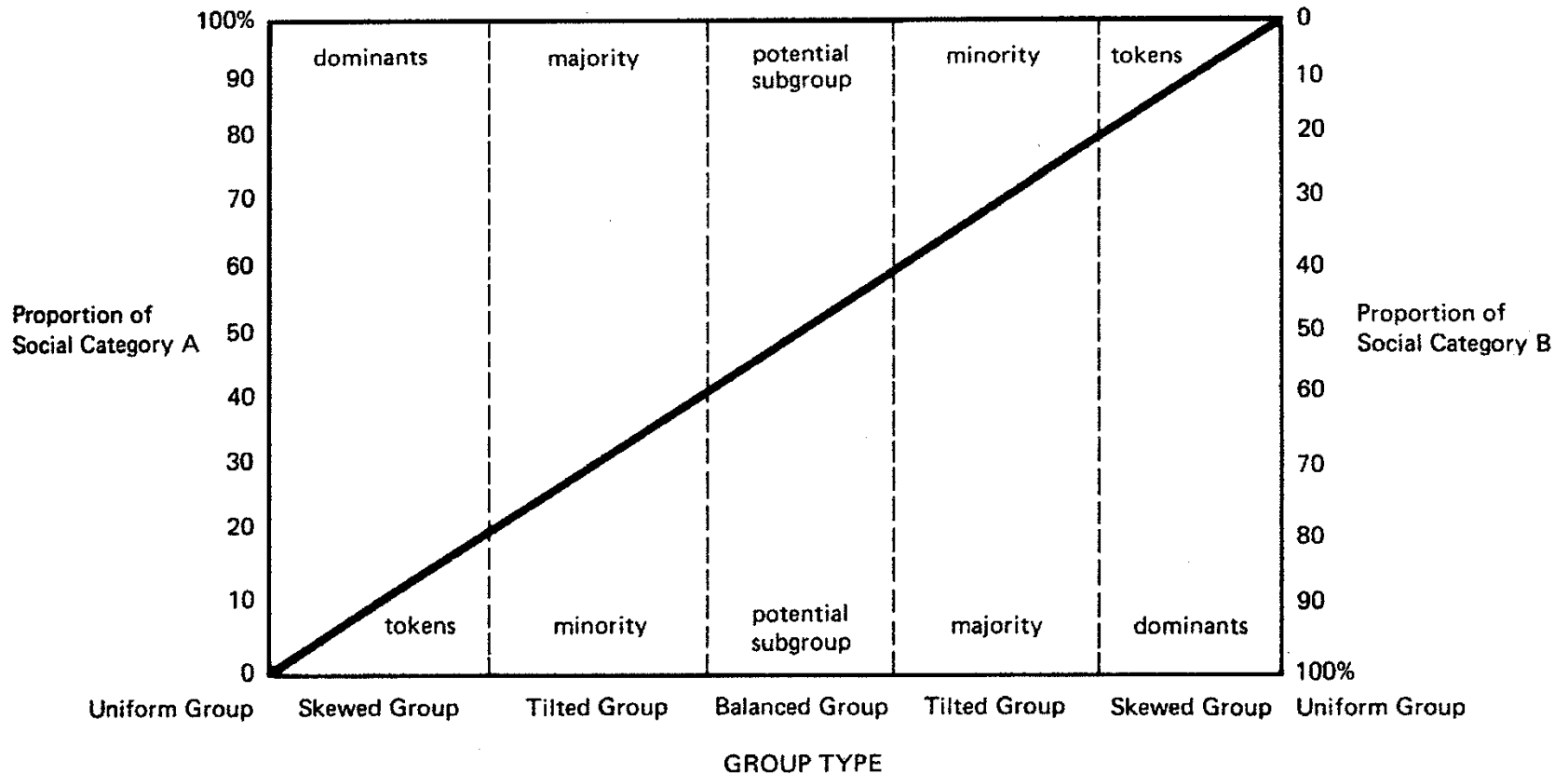
Percentage of federal candidates nominated and elected in 2008, by party

| Political Party | Total Candidates | | Male Candidates | | Female Candidates | | % Female Candidates | |
|-----------------|------------------|---------|-----------------|---------|-------------------|---------|---------------------|---------|
| | Nominated | Elected | Nominated | Elected | Nominated | Elected | Nominated | Elected |
| Bloc Québécois | 75 | 49 | 55 | 34 | 20 | 15 | 28% | 30.6% |
| Conservatives | 307 | 143 | 244 | 120 | 63 | 23 | 20% | 16.1% |
| Liberals | 307 | 77 | 194 | 58 | 113 | 19 | 37% | 24.7% |
| NDP | 308 | 37 | 204 | 25 | 104 | 12 | 34% | 32.4% |
| Green Party | 303 | 0 | 213 | 0 | 90 | 0 | 29.7% | 0 |

Sources:

- www.equalvoice.ca
- <http://www.sfu.ca/~aheard/elections/results.html>
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Figure 1 Kanter's Group Types as defined by the proportional representation of two social categories in the membership



Source: Kanter 1977: 209