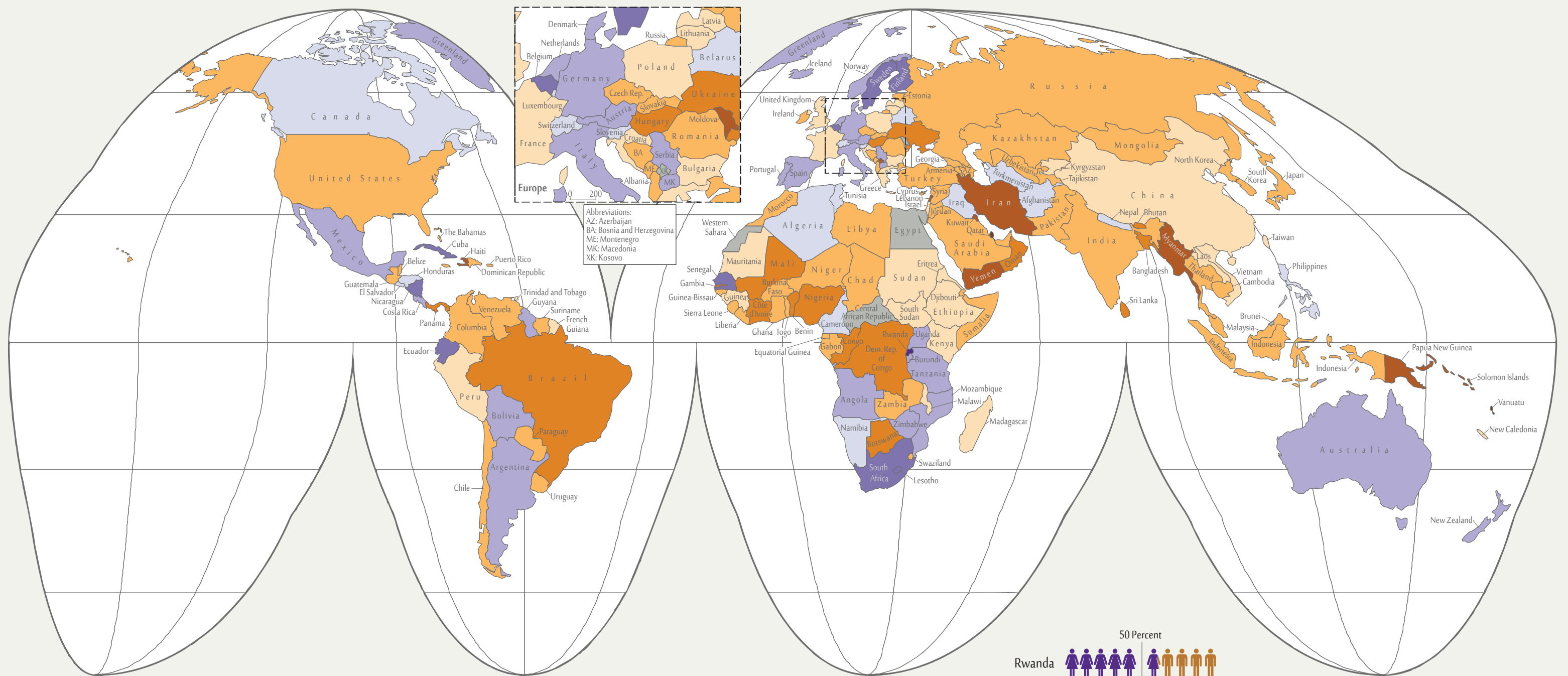
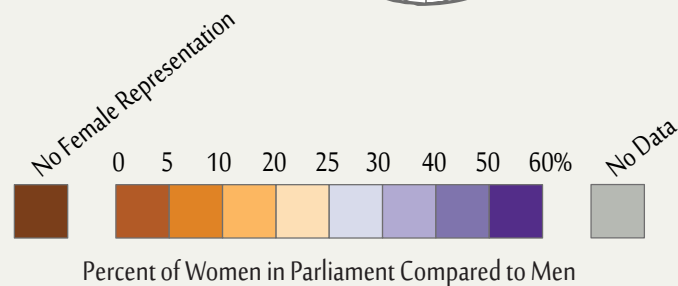


The Lack of Female Leadership Around the World

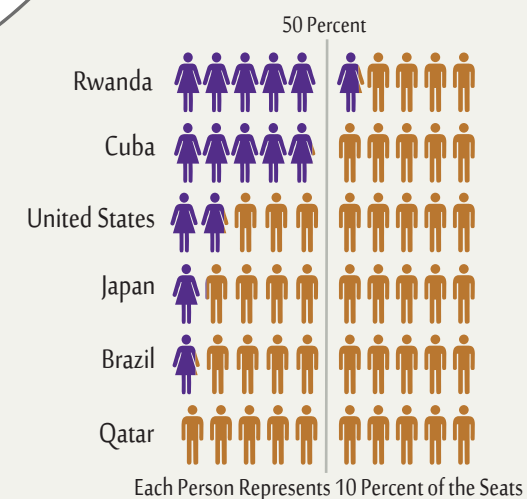
A Look at the Percentage of Seats Occupied by Women in the Legislative Branch of Government as of January 1st 2014



Despite women making up about half of the world's population, only one country has women who hold over 50% of the seats in parliament. The rest of the world clearly lacks women leadership. In all, the world's average percentage of women who hold seats in the legislative branch of government is only 20.25 percent.



In Rwanda, women were granted the right to vote and stand for election in 1961. As of January 1, 2014, women control 57.5% of the seats in parliament. With this power they have banished patriarchal laws and have passed bills to end domestic violence and abuse. Unlike decades ago, Rwanda now allows women to inherit property and share their family assets.



In Qatar, there is little voice for women. Until 1999, women were not allowed to legally vote or run for office. As of January 1, 2014, no women hold any seats in Qatar's parliament. Without this representation, the government has made laws stating that it is a wife's responsibility to take care of the household and obey her husband.