

LEAN IN: TRACKING THE WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL GENDER GAP

Every year, the World Economic Forum releases the Gender Gap Report, showcasing the differences in equality between men and women. In 2015, men and women achieved near equality in the field of education and health. Yet, women lagged behind men significantly in the fields of economic opportunity and political empowerment. By depriving women of powerful roles, the world is effectively blocking half the population from being heard- and halting innovation in the process.

WOMEN IN THE BOARDROOM

Having female business owners and executives has positive ramifications for a country's economy. Yet, even countries that rank in the top third for equality in economic opportunity falter. We can see the disparity when comparing the percentage of women on corporate boards throughout the world.

NORWAY: TOP ECONOMIC, TOP POLITICAL



USA: TOP ECONOMIC, MID POLITICAL



RUSSIA: TOP ECONOMIC, LOW POLITICAL



WOMEN IN THE PARLIAMENT

In order to influence political decisions, women need to be in the political arena. Even countries with so-called feminist agendas really struggle with maintaining an equal balance of women and men in their parliamentary bodies. We can see this when comparing the percentage of women in parliamentary bodies across the world.

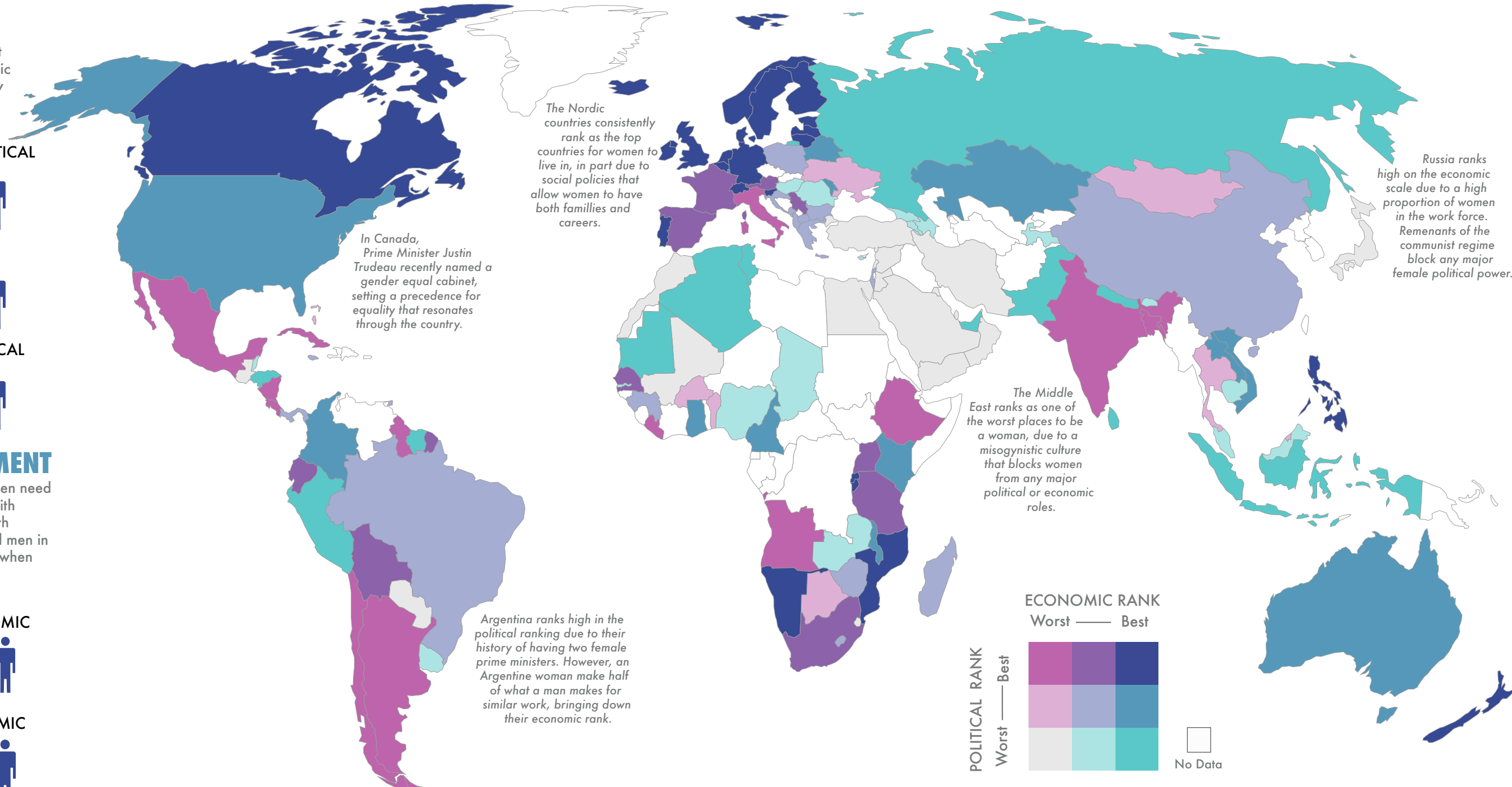
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“Real change will come when powerful women are less of an exception”
- Sheryl Sandberg