

# Republican Women Breaking the Glass Ceiling !

## Republican Women Stepping Up

I read somewhere recently that Republican women are facing crucial adversity in American politics and the lack of Republican women in office could endanger the GOP. I looked up some statistics of women in office in the U.S.

- Women hold 127 of the 535 Congressional seats. Of these, 106 are Democrats and 21 Republicans.
- In the last statewide executive offices races, i.e., governor, attorney governor, secretary of state, etc., there were 311 available positions filled by 46 Democrat women to 38 Republican women.
- In state legislature races, of the 1972 available senate seats, 1447 are now occupied by Democrat women and 662 held by Republican women.

It is astounding that in 2018, women actually contributed \$184 million to Democratic female congressional candidates and just \$24 million to their Republican counterparts. The gender gap is real too. In every presidential election since 1996, a majority of women have preferred the Democratic candidate. People, we can't let this happen in 2020.

I love Rep Liz Cheney from Wyoming. I heard her say in an interview once that we have to work very hard as Republicans to convince more women to run for office, but also to convince more women to vote for us. Truer words have never been spoken. America needs more women like Liz Cheney, Nikki Haley, Sarah Palin, and KellyAnne Conway who put their money where their mouth is.

America better hope and pray that Minn. Rep Illhan Omar and fellow Democrat Reps Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Rahida Tlaib, and [Ayanna Pressley](#) will face Republican challengers that mean business. AOC already has a challenger, Jamaican-American Scherie Murray. The first thing Murray said in her first interview was that AOC craves media attention and chooses self promotion over service. I like her already.

Rep Cheney was speaking about the national level. We all need to know what is going on in our own little town, neighborhood and county. We are at a crossroads where we must begin controlling our destiny. As mothers, aunts, or grandmothers what happens when a bully messes with one of our own? We automatically know there is a power imbalance. We take action and you best believe someone is in for a fight. Shouldn't we also stand up to the bullies that threaten the sovereignty of our country? Someone mentioned that the Obama's "Trojan Horse" is in full swing now referring to the inaugural Muslim Collective for Equitable Democracy and Presidential

Forum in Washington  
that is being held this month. Just a  
few of the break-out panels and workshops are “How Young  
Muslims are Changing  
Democracy”, “Candidate Recruitment and Training”, and “Get Out  
the Census and  
Get Out the Vote.” We need to wake  
up. If you do not think it is in little  
Columbus County, please get your head out of the field dirt.

As the Columbus County Republican Women’s  
group officially gets kicked off, I promise to follow the  
goals of the N.C. Federation  
of Republican Women to inform, educate, and train our members  
to be activists  
and candidates. That’s right! I said candidates.

Martha Stevens, Chairperson

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