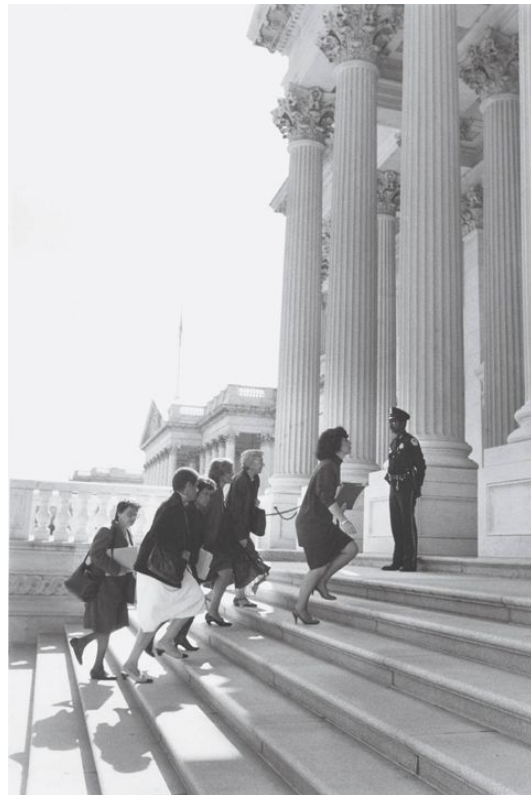


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The week ahead: A Hearing. A Vote. A Reckoning.

"Today, in the year of #MeToo, a public measurably more outraged than in 1991 adds pressure to allow the testimony of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford and potentially others. Notably, that pressure began **inside** the Senate Judiciary Committee. Since 1992's "Year of the Woman,"... voters have elected the multiracial group of four Democratic women who now sit on the Committee... to advocate from the inside for a process with greater integrity than was made available to Anita Hill. This is progress, and it matters."

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More from Women Legislators

Part II

- [AB 300](#) authored by [Assemblywoman Anna Caballero](#) allows select counties to develop individualized subsidy plans for child care.
- [AB 2534](#) authored by [Assemblywoman Monique Limon](#) requires the creation of outdoor equity grants to ensure outdoor education for all.

- [AB 2124](#) authored by [Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio](#) awards funds to DA's offices that pursue the powers behind human trafficking.
- [AB 2070](#) authored by [Assemblywoman Eloise Reyes](#) requires California colleges to inform students about intimate partner and dating violence.
- [AB 3080](#) authored by [Assemblywoman Gonzales Fletcher](#) protects and enables employees and independent contractors to speak up about sexual harassment
- [SB 945](#) authored by [Senator Toni Atkins](#) removes limits on the length of treatment for low-income and uninsured women battling cervical and breast cancer.

What We're Reading

The Wave Ahead



[The wave that's building for November may not be blue so much as pink](#)

Given the wealth of news stories in any given five-minute period and given the focus on the battle to control the House in November's midterm elections, there has been a consistent pattern to the tenure of President Trump that often goes unmentioned: the steady and active opposition of a majority of American women to his presidency. **From the Washington Post.**



For many women, she said, Trump's boorishness is on a continuum with chronic sexual harassment, gender inequality in wages, the dominance of men in corporate management — "an accumulation of insults."

"It's a disregard, disrespect, minimization of women, and there's a rebelliousness against that."

[Close the Gap Founder Mary Hughes](#)

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[NPR: Is The Record Number Of Women Candidates A 2018 Blip —](#)

Or A Lasting Trend?

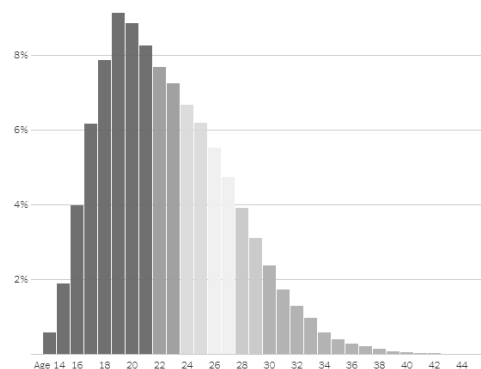
Lauren Underwood, Democratic House candidate in Illinois' 14th district, is part of a record boom of women running for office in 2018 – from Congress to governorship to state legislatures across the country.



NY Times: The Age That Women Have Babies: How a Gap Divides America

Becoming a mother used to be seen as a unifying milestone for women in the United States. But a new analysis of four decades of births shows that the age that women become mothers varies significantly by geography and education.

Ages of first-time mothers in 1980



Ecofeminism to the Rescue: Mary Robinson Launches New Podcast

The Guardian reports that former President of Ireland, Mary Robinson, is launching a new initiative to call attention to feminist solutions to climate change.

CALmatters: California may mandate a woman in the boardroom

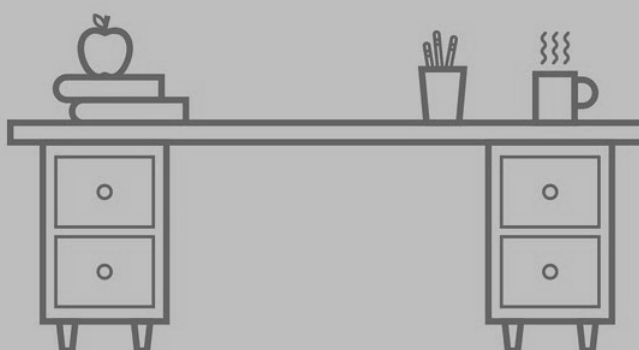
California is moving toward becoming the first state to require companies to have women on their boards—assuming the idea could survive a likely court challenge.



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