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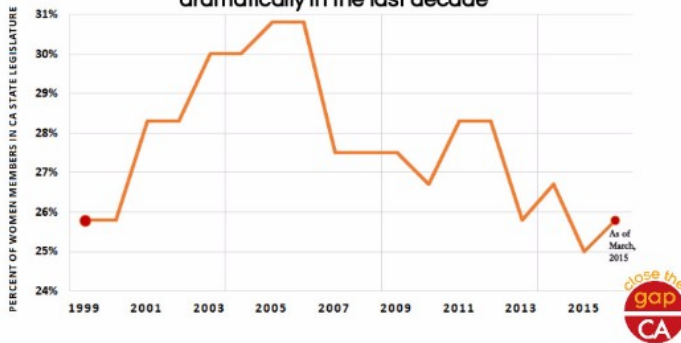


May 11, 2016

**Raising your family?  
Building your career?  
Living your life?**



The percentage of women in the CA Legislature has dropped dramatically in the last decade



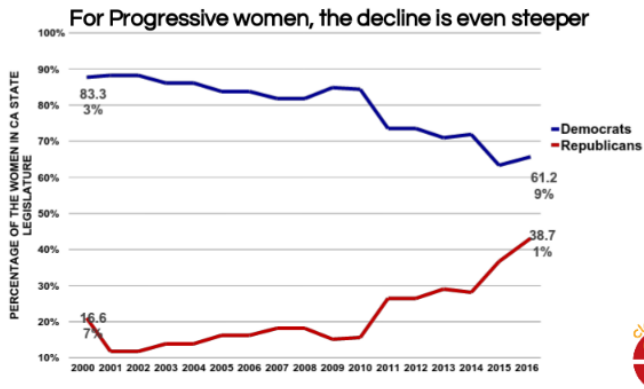
to these great efforts:



8 diverse women in tech have joined forces to create **Project Include**. It's goal? To advance inclusion and diversity in tech. Read [more](#).



The "Can You Not" PAC seeks to help offset privilege in elections. Donations to it will go to candidates from under-represented groups, such as women, LGBTQ persons and POC with fewer advantages . More [here](#).



New Jersey Governor Chris Christie [vetoed a bill](#) extending protections against gender-based pay discrimination. He claimed it would make the state "unfriendly" to business. What about making the state unfriendly to women?  
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Former Arizona Governor [Jan Brewer](#) claimed that "this women thing has gotten way out of control" when asked about efforts to get more women into politics. We'll send her this alert.

**T**he share of women by party has shifted. While Republican women have gained ground, women now make up a much smaller share of the Democratic state legislative caucus.

2001:

2016:

% of Republican state legislators who were women:

9%

% of Republican state legislators who are women:

29%

% of Democratic state legislators who were women:

39%

% of Democratic state legislators who are women:

24%



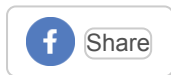
**It's almost time for the CA primary!**

The deadline to register to vote is May 23. You can register online [here](#). To check your registration status, click [here](#). You can find your polling place [here](#). Voter's Edge can help you find out what's on the ballot in your area. Click [here](#).

**T**here are currently 17 Democratic women and 12 Republican women in the CA legislature. 7 of the Democrats and 4 of the Republicans are terming out this year. Unless we replace them, we'll be left with an even smaller share of our representatives.

**This should be of great concern to progressive women.**





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**close the gap CA** is a statewide campaign to find talented, progressive women to run for open seats in the California legislature in 2014 and 2016. With focus and a targeted strategy, we can 'close the gap' and not just the gender gap. When we elect progressive women, we take steps to close the school funding gap, the access gap to affordable health and reproductive care, and the growing gap between the wealthy and those in poverty.

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