**Women in Leadership**

**Introduction**

This study explores the relationship between people’s person and elected women representatives in the US. Our research is *“Do people’s perceptions of women as leaders influence the percentage of female representatives in their state?”.*

Our outcome variable is the percentage of females in the Legislature across States in 2014. This data is from the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Our independent variables we are using the Gender and Leadership dataset from PEW Research Centre.

**Outcome Variable:**

<http://www.ncsl.org/legislators-staff/legislators/womens-legislative-network/women-in-state-legislatures-for-2014.aspx>

**Independent Variables:**

* Age
* Education
* Race
* Gender
* HH Income
* Marital Status
* Region or State
* Current employment status
* Party affiliation

**Sample size:**

Final N=1,835 adults 18+

Questionnaire in English & Spanish

Target population: non-institutionalized adults age 18 and over residing in the United States

Field Period: November 12-21, 2014

*From the codebook:*

Qs in the survey:

Q5a. Which one of the following statements comes closest to your opinion about **[RANDOMIZE:** men and women/women and men**]** as POLITICAL LEADERS?

1 Men generally make better political leaders than women

2 Women generally make better political leaders than men

3 In general, women and men make equally good political leaders

-1 Refused

Q13. Thinking about HIGH POLITICAL OFFICES these days, would you say it is generally… **[RANDOMIZE OPTIONS 1 AND 2; KEEP SAME ORDER OF OPTIONS FOR Q.12 AND Q.13 WITHIN EACH RESPONDENT]**

1 Easier for men to get elected to high political offices

2 Easier for women to get elected to high political offices

3 Not much difference

-1 Refused

*PEW Research Article using our dataset: http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/2015/01/14/women-and-leadership/#other-key-findings*

Backup Research Questions:

Q. What are the factors that influence one’s views on women having children while working?

*Q.24A In general, what do you think is better for a woman who wants to reach a top executive position in business?* ***[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS]***

*1 Having children early on in her career*

*2 Waiting until she is well-established in her career to have children*

*3 Not having children at all*

*-1 Refused*