Further Research

Background

Women's Political Empowerment Index

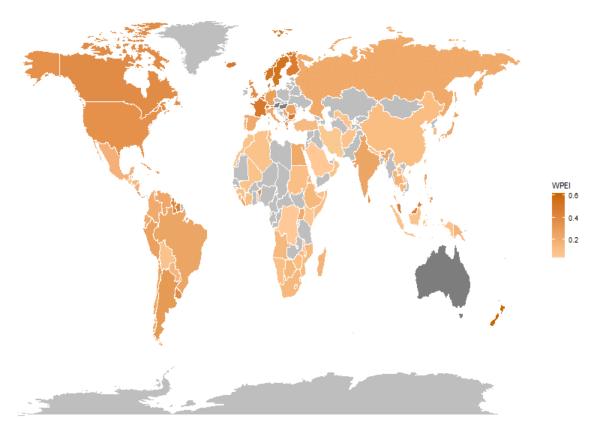
Calculating Empowerment Categories

Women's Political Empowerment is defined as "a process of increasing capacity for women, leading to greater choice, agency, and participation in societal decision-

Academic Research

Created by Aksel Sundstron, Pamela Paxton, Yi-Ting Wang, and Staffan I. Lindberg for the V-Dem Institute, the Women's Political Empowerment Index combines information from three calculated indices about women's political and civil society progress and combines them into one index that measure's overall political empowerment. With data spanning over 100 years (1900-2012), an index of three varieties, and over 170 countries, this index provides the most comprehensive and best-covering measure of empowerment. This Index takes into account newly formed countries, changing central concepts of women's rights, and gives a better representation of the Global South. For further information on the creation of this index and its sub-dimensions, the group's paper "Women's Political Empowerment: A New Global Index, 1900-2012" can be referenced.

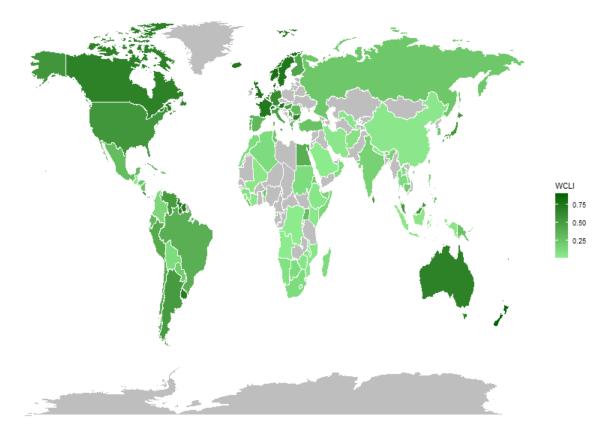




The Three Indices

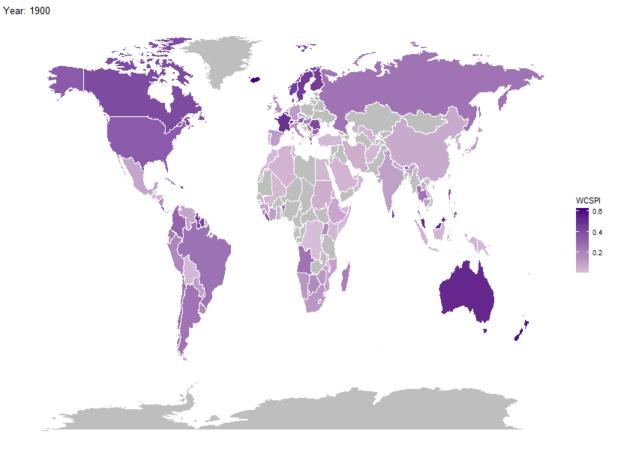
Women's Civil Liberties Index

Takes into Account: Freedom of domestic movement for women, Freedom from forced labor for women, Property rights for women, Access to justice for women



Women's Civil Society Participation Index

 $Takes into \ Account: Freedom \ of \ discussion \ for \ women, Women's \ Participation \ in \ Civil \ Service \ Organizations, \ Percentage \ of \ female \ journalists$



Women's Political Participation Index

Takes into Account: Power distribution by gender, Political position representation, Presence of women in legislature

