

CHART OF THE DAY

For International Women's Day, How the World Caught Up on Women's Suffrage

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It's International Women's Day today, so let's take a look at this map from Lizzie Malcolm and LUSTlab via *The Guardian* which demonstrates how women's voting rights and roles in the political process of countries around the world have changed over time.

For instance, this is the (bleak) state of the world regarding women's right to vote in 1892:



By 1950 women had the right to vote in far more countries, though not in a large swath of Africa:



And in 2012 women's suffrage is still not universal, but it's a lot better:



Explore the rest of the map, which also examines when female politicians got the right to stand for election and when the first women were elected, here. Clicking on each country also reveals more data:

WOMEN'S POLITICAL RIGHTS IN UNITED STATES

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POPULATION - 313,914,040
CAPITAL CITY - Washington DC
GOVERNMENT - Republic

Received the vote in 1920
Could stand for election in 1788
First woman elected in 1917

- ✓ Law against domestic violence
- ✓ Law against sexual harassment
- ✓ Law against marital rape



Women in Ministerial Positions



Use of contraception



Skilled assistance at childbirth



Female unemployment



Male unemployment



Female members of parliament

12

women died in childbirth per 500,000 in 1990

24

women died in childbirth per 500,000 in 2008

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