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There are statistics to support this notion. A recent study in the U.S. showed that, of married senior managers, two-thirds of the married men had children and only one-third of the married women had children. We see the choices (and maybe sacrifices) that were made.

While these numbers may seem “appropriate,” you should know that women make up 50.8 percent of the U.S. population and worldwide comprise half of the total population.

So it begs the question, “Is half of our population being represented in government when discussing a broad range of issues like child care, maternity leave, reproductive health, and preventative cancer screenings?”

Let me offer one final thought. In a study of women who did run for office

an overwhelming majority attributed their reason for running or involvement to being asked or suggested by another person. I can personally attest to the truth of these findings as that is how I became involved with the Institute for Women in Politics. I was invited and I’ve learned a lot. Now it’s my turn to extend the invitation to you. We need your expertise in policy decisions affecting us, our daughters, and granddaughters. With the next general election being just a year away, it’s a great time to be involved. Come to think of it, being 50 percent of the population, women can impact elections in a big way.

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