



# ROLE OF WOMEN IN MODERN RUSSIAN POLITICS

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# MAIN ASPECTS

**SUBJECT: RUSSIAN POLITICS &  
GOVERNING STRUCTURE OF 2010-2020**  
**OBJECT: INFLUENCE OF WOMEN ON  
RUSSIAN POLITICS OF 2010-2020**

Goals and Tasks:

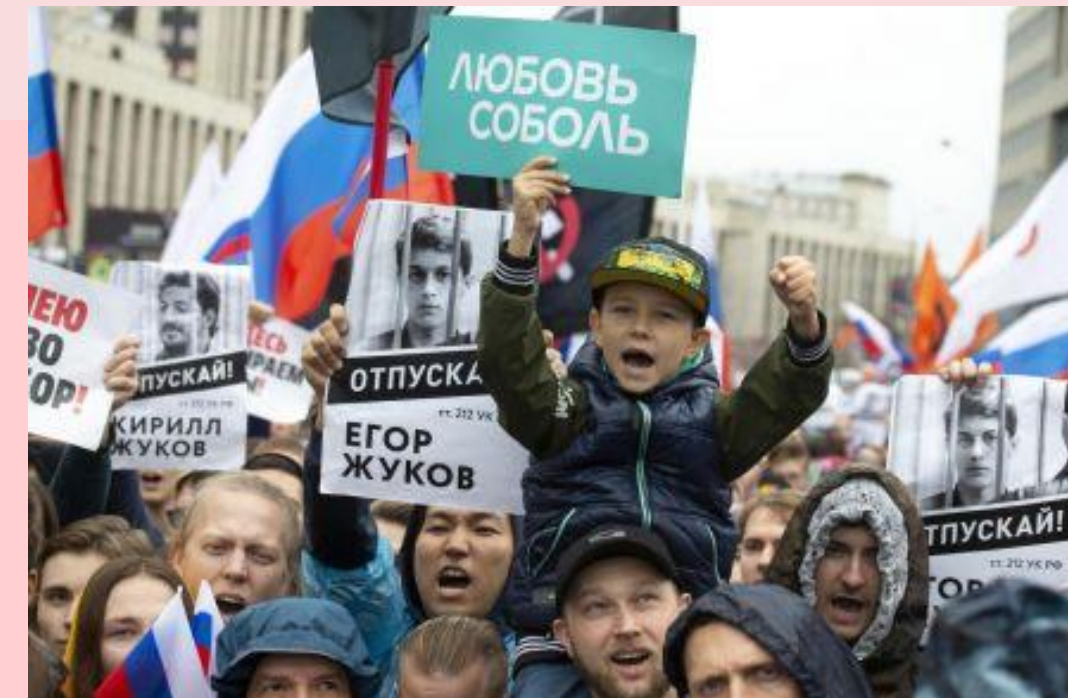
- To identify the role of women in political sphere in Russia during 2010-2020
- To point out possible reasons for low female representation
- To make prognosis on future influence of women on politics in Russia and suggest measures to close a gender gap

# WOMEN'S ROLES AS

PROFESSIONAL  
POLITICIANS



ELECTORS



NON-PROFESSIONAL  
POLITICAL ACTIVISTS

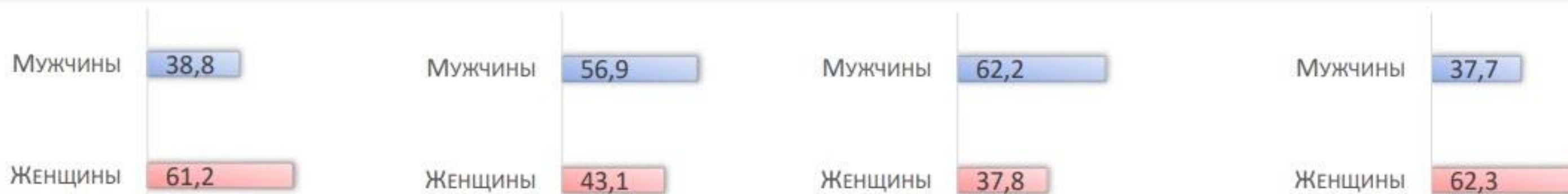
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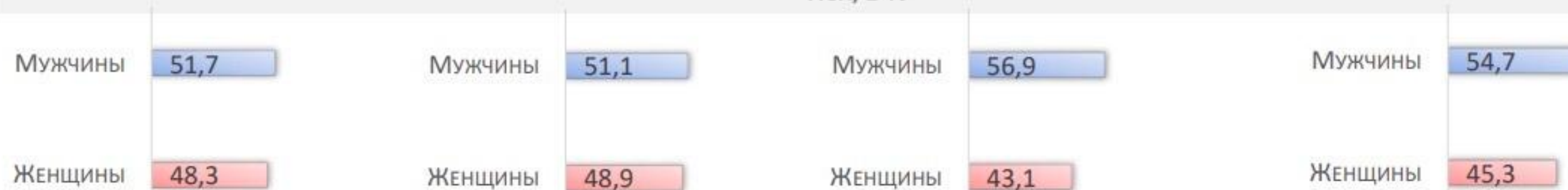
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WOMEN ARE  
GENERALLY ACTIVE  
ELECTORS

55,4% of voters were female.

ELDERLY WOMEN  
STICK TO

CONSERVATIVE  
CANDIDATES

Their priority is economic and  
political stability.

YOUNGER  
GENERATIONS FAVOR

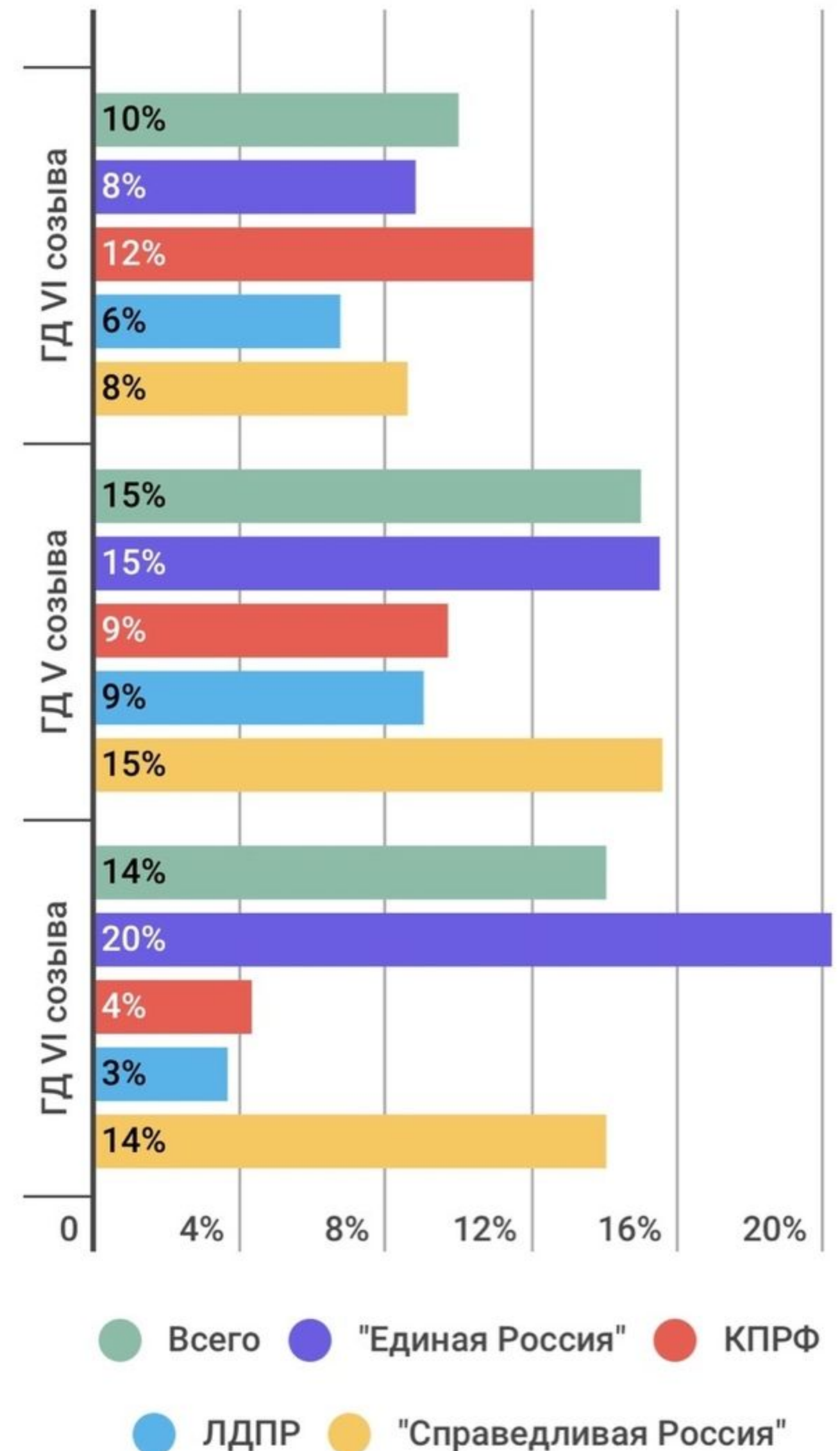
MORE LIBERAL  
LEADERS

Young women seek changes..

# WOMEN AS ELECTORS: TENDENCIES

# STATE DUMA: FEMALE REPRESENTATION

The percentage of women in the State Duma is about 15% while the “norm” is considered to be 30%





# “UNITED RUSSIA”

Women still act as a complement to a political party. Some ladies like Natalya Poklonskaya or Maria Zakharova have become a symbol of Putin's conservative policies, but the real power is still held by the male half.

Women perform a particular function yet are not fully politically independent.





# OPPOSITION

## “Apple” Party:

- Has their own gender fraction
  - Gender policy and reforms
    - Female party leader
    - Laws against domestic violence, support of women, gender equity in political, social and economic spheres .

ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN’S RIGHTS AND  
GENDER EQUALITY.



# POLITICAL ACTIVISTS

ALEXANDRA MITROSHINA

Blogger, Photographer, Feminist activist

ALENA POPOVA

Lawyer, Journalist, Social Activist

## GENDER EQUALITY

- allowing fathers to go on maternity leave
- participation in rallies and mass meetings

## NO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- #IDidntWantToDie
- Domestic Violence Law
- Women's Mutual Assistance Network  
"You Are Not Alone"

## CHARITY

## SOCIAL STATE & ECONOMIC EQUITY

- "StartUp Women"

# Their Political Activity & Ideas

## PRIORITIES

Russian women are more concerned about the well-being of their family, country and region rather than an opportunity to participate in politics.

## GOVERNMENT'S RELUCTANCE TO SOLVE GENDER ISSUES

## GLASS CEILING

Since it is harder for women to acquire high positions in this sphere, they are discouraged to do so.

## GENDER STEREOTYPES

Women are often seen as weak, indifferent and inconsistent individuals unsuitable for politics.

# Possible Reasons for Low Involvement of Women in Political Sphere

**30%**

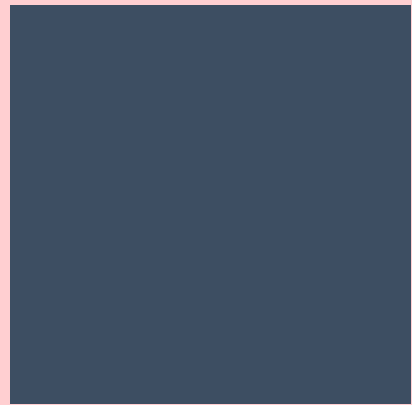
DISAPPROVE OF WOMEN PARTICIPATING IN  
POLITICS

**54%**

ARE AGAINST ELECTING A FEMALE PRESIDENT IN  
NEXT 15 YEARS



- to support and protect interests of children



- to advance and advocate for women's rights



- to pay more attention to social issues

# WHY WE NEED FEMALE REPRESENTATION IN POLITICS

# Ways to increase women's participation and representation



**INTRODUCTION OF  
QUOTAS**



**POLITICAL EDUCATION +  
ENCOURAGEMENT BY  
MASS MEDIA**



**COOPERATION WITH  
ORGANIZATIONS  
FIGHTING FOR WOMEN'S  
RIGHTS**

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