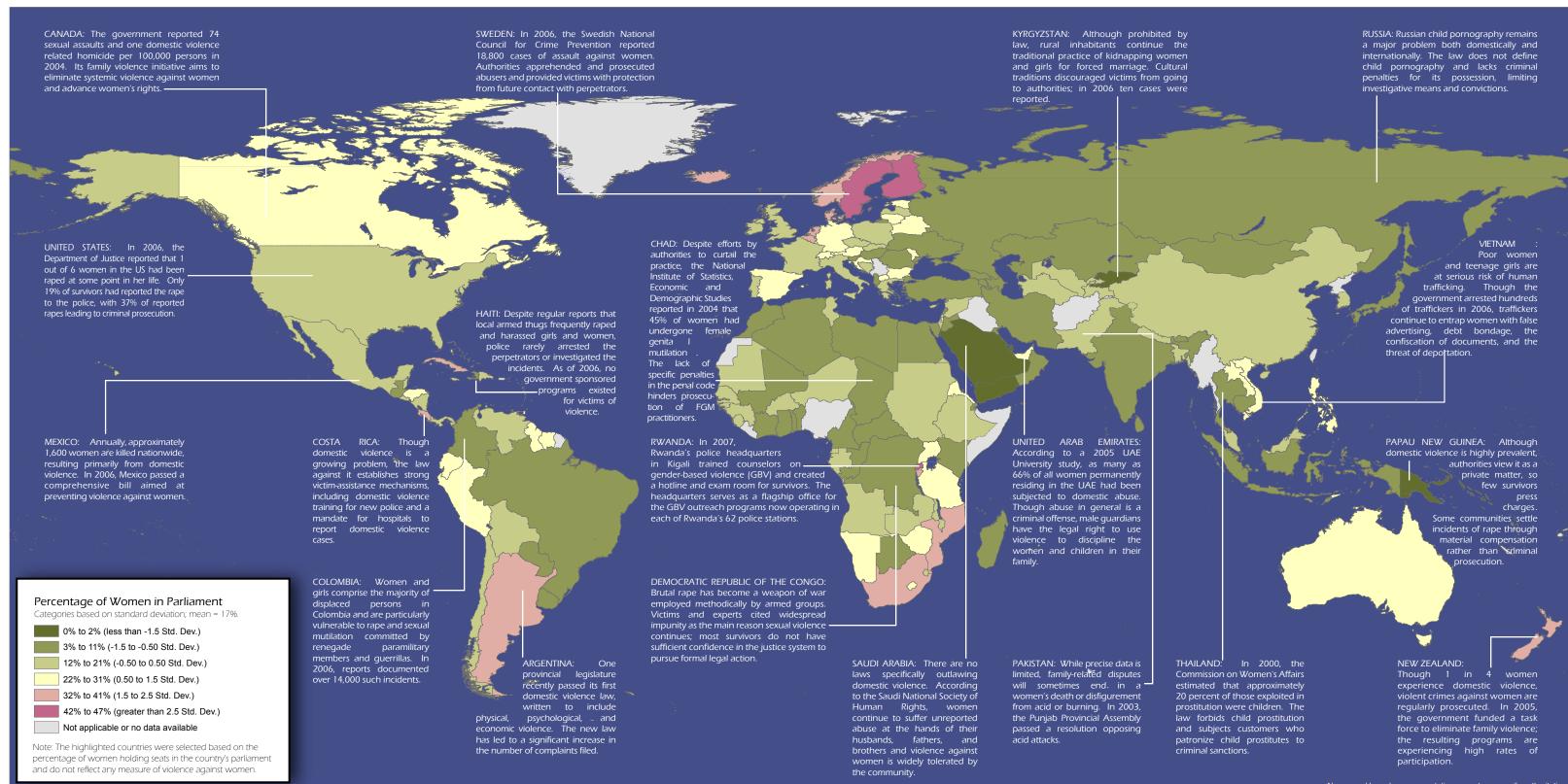
A Global Look at Women: Power, Justice and Violence

Violence against women continues to challenge every Legal recourse for survivors, however, varies dramatically across countries and has been correlated with both the strength of a country's judicial system and the level of

empowerment and equality women enjoy. While critical gaps in data prevent true comparative analysis, this map displays the percentage of women in each

country on the planet. nation's parliament, and highlights a broad spectrum of countries to illustrate the relationships between systems of justice and violence against women.



Notes on Data & Methodology

1. Many challenges face researchers attempting to accurately account for violence vetted secondary data sources for reliable information. Additionally, while data norm. Highlighted countries were selected for having either the highest or against women. Survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) may receive little legal collection on justice systems is not as sensitive an issue, statistics meaningful for lowest percentage of women in parliament for their geopolitical region. benefit, risk stigmatization, and further endanger themselves by reporting the cross-country comparisons are not readily available. violence they experienced. As such, GBV is often hard to account for and 2. On average, approximately 17% of women hold seats in parliament across Congo, which were selected, respectively, to emphasize the US's own challenges

underreported. Where official data is lacking, US Government researchers have the globe and the map depicts deviations in either direction of this statistical and draw attention to the use of rape as a tool of war

Exceptions to this rule are: the United States and the Democratic Republic of the

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