

Voting systems matter to Women

Most countries having significant numbers of women in parliament use PR voting systems.

PR= proportional voting systems
FPTP = first-past-the-post systems

Ranking	Nation	% Women	Voting System
1	Rwanda	48.8	Parallel
2	Sweden	47.3	PR
3	Finland	42	PR
4	Costa Rica	38.6	PR
5	Norway	37.9	PR
6	Denmark	36.9	PR
7	Netherlands	36.7	PR
8	Cuba	36	TRS
"	Spain	36	PR
9	Argentina	35	PR
14	New Zealand	32.2	MMP
15	Germany	31.6	MMP
48	Canada	20.8	FPTP
53	United Kingdom	19.7	FPTP
69	United States of America	16.3	FPTP

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