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New Record for All-Woman Congressional Contests

Following yesterday’s primaries, there is a new record for all-woman general-election congressional contests, according to data from the Center for American Women and Politics, a unit of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University. As of today, there are 38 all-woman congressional contests set for November, eclipsing the previous record of 33, set in 2018. Primaries are yet to be held in 14 states, so this number may yet continue to climb.

For information about all-woman races in 2020 and historically, visit CAWP’s fact sheet Woman versus Woman: Congressional and Gubernatorial Races. Full context about women in the 2020 elections, including candidate lists, summaries, results from previous primaries, and historical comparisons, are available via the CAWP’s Election Watch.

About CAWP

The Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP), a unit of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, is nationally recognized as the leading source of scholarly research and current data about women’s political participation in the United States. Its mission is to promote greater knowledge and understanding about the role of women in American politics, enhance women’s influence in public life, and expand the diversity of women in politics and government. CAWP’s education and outreach programs translate research findings into action, addressing women’s under-representation in political leadership with effective, intersectional, and imaginative programs serving a variety of audiences. As the world has watched Americans considering female candidates for the nation’s highest offices, CAWP’s five decades of analyzing and interpreting women’s participation in American politics have provided a foundation and context for the discussion.