

## **Women and political participation: a reference handbook / Barbara Burrell**

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### **Abstrak**

Political participation, particularly as elected officials, is one of the frontiers of the emancipation of women and is a bell weather of so- cietys progress. The product of the participation of women in electoral politics is revealed every time a girl gets a chance to compete in the Olympics, or receives an equal salary in the workforce, or has the law intervene to stop violence against her in the home.

The women who engage in electoral politics give life to the notion that women are equal in capacity and citizenship and they have a contribution to make that this country cannot afford to waste. Their stories need to be told, and their contributions celebrated if we are, as a nation, to enjoy the great potential women hold for America and for the world. Their voices help make our republic more democratic, and our democracy can help the world.