Women as Political Leaders

Q1. Which of the following statements comes closest to your opinion about men/women as political leaders?

Men generally make better political leaders than women
Women generally make better political leaders than men
In general, women and men make equally good political leaders

Q2. Now thinking about society as a whole, how many people would you say believe men make better political leaders than women?

Most people
Some
Only a few
No one thinks that anymore

Q3. Do you think it is easier, more difficult or no different for men vs women to get elected to high political offices, such as Member of Parliament (MP) or Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) in your province?

Easier for men to get elected to high political office
Easier for women to get elected to high political office
Not much difference

Q4. Fewer women than men occupy high political offices. For example, 26% of the MPs in the Canadian Parliament are women. Here is a list of some possible reasons why. For each, please indicate whether you think it is a major reason, a minor reason or not a reason why there are fewer women in high political offices.

[ROWS]
Many Canadians aren’t ready to elect a woman to higher office
Women’s responsibilities to family don’t leave time for politics
Generally speaking, women aren’t tough enough for politics
Few women have the experience required for higher office
Women who are active in party politics get less support from party leaders
Women who run for office are held to higher standards than men

[COLUMNS]
Not a reason at all
Minor reason
Major reason

Q5. Political parties have said one of the reasons they don’t have more women running for office is they have a hard time finding women who will even agree to run. Below is a list of some possible reasons
women might not want to run in the first place. For each, please indicate whether you think it is a major reason, a minor reason or not a reason why fewer women run for office.

[ROWS]
Women don’t like taking risks
Women don’t like the mudslinging of politics
Family commitments
Women don’t see themselves as qualified for office
Political parties don’t do enough to encourage women candidates

[COLUMNS]
Not a reason at all
Minor reason
Major reason

[Pew]Q6. In general, do you think men or women in high political offices are better at each of the following?

[ROWS]
Standing up for what they believe in, despite political pressure
Being honest and ethical
Working out compromises
Working to improve the quality of life for Canadians
Being persuasive

[COLUMNS]
Men are way better
Men hold a slight advantage
Men and women are equally good
Women hold a slight advantage
Women are way better

Q7. How important is it to you personally – this issue of the representation of women in political office?

I care deeply – I think about this issue often and discuss it with friends/family
I care – this is a legitimate issue
I don’t really care - this is not a big deal to me
I don’t care at all - this is just not an issue

Q8. And lastly, Hillary Clinton, as the presumptive Democratic Party nominee, is expected to be the first woman to run with a major party for President of the United States. All things considered, as you look at
her career and road to the nomination, would you say Hillary Clinton has been politically helped or hurt by the fact she is a woman?

Helped a lot
Helped
No difference
Hurt
Hurt a lot