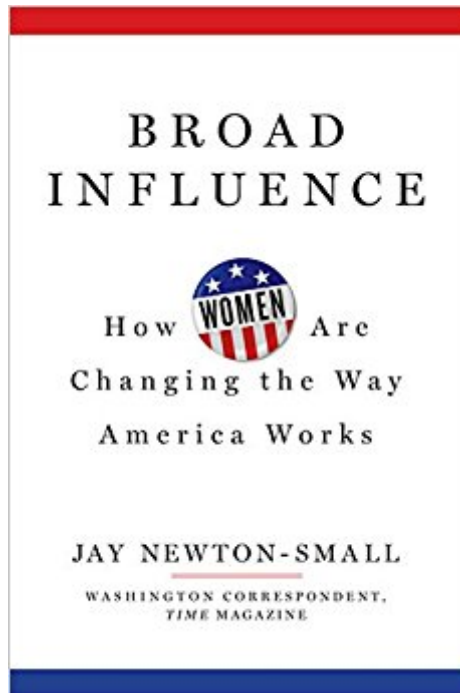


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Broad Influence: How Women Are Changing The Way America Works



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2016 will be one of the most historic years in politics: It marks the potential for the first female President of the United States, and the 100th anniversary of the first woman elected to Congress. Additionally, in 2016, single women will be one of the most pivotal voting groups heading into the general election, being courted by both Democrats and Republicans. At the centennial of the first woman elected to Congress (which was three years before women legally earned the right to vote), their presence and influence in Washington has reached a tipping point that affects not only the inner workings of the Federal Government, but also directly influences how Americans live and work. Never before have women been represented in such great numbers in the Supreme Court, both chambers of Congress, and in the West Wing. In *Broad Influence*, Jay Newton-Small, one of the nation's most deeply respected and sourced journalists takes readers through the corridors of Washington D.C., the offices and hallways of Capital Hill and everywhere else conversations and deals are happening to demonstrate how women are reaching across the aisles, coalescing, and affecting lasting change. With deep, exclusive and behind-closed-doors reporting and interviews, including conversations with Nancy Pelosi, Barbara Mikulski, Kirsten Gillibrand, Valerie Jarrett, Sarah Palin, Kelly Ayotte, Cathy McMorris Rogers and dozens of other former and current senators, representatives, senior White House staffers, governors and cabinet members, *Broad Influence* is an insightful look at how women are transforming government, politics, and the workforce, and how they are using that power shift to effect change throughout America.

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Not once is the word "feminist" or "feminism" used in the text. Neither words bother me, but I know it bothers many men and women. Times Magazine writer Jay Newton-Smith wants more women to join the corporate world, both private and public, become judges and lawyers and politicians. A woman's voice and experience matters when it comes to making society more equitable for everyone.

Women ARE now gaining recognition across a "Broad Influence." Clever little pun there. This book gets better after the first three chapters, which read as if Newton-Smith is applauding all the females in Congress. There does seem to be a bias toward the more liberal females in the House and Senate (aka Democrats), but when one realizes that in 2015, according to the Center for American Women in politics, 104 (76D, 28R) women hold seats in the United States Congress, comprising 19.4% of the 535 members; 20 women (20%) serve in the United States Senate, and 84 women (19.3%) serve in the United States House of Representatives. This 20 percent is what Newton-Smith describes as "critical mass," a percentage that can no longer be ignored. The women in this book are all commendable women. She profiles Sen Patty Murray, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Sen. Hillary Clinton, Rep Michelle Bachmann to name a few. By describing these women's stories, she is also describing some of the men who helped them and who convinced them to get active in politics. She paints House member Paul Ryan in a good light, Sen Strom Thurmond not so much. But it's not enough to get women active in our government, we must also encourage them to get involved in the legislative and judiciary branches of our government.

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