

TABLE 1-1

Politics and the Status of Women in the States: Some Variables

| Five Best States for Women | Dominant Political Culture | Percentage of State Legislators Who Are Women |
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| 1. Vermont | Moralistic | 40.6 |
| 2. Connecticut | Individualistic | 28.3 |
| 3. Minnesota | Moralistic | 33.8 |
| 4. Washington | Moralistic | 32.7 |
| 5. Oregon | Moralistic | 30.0 |
| Five Worst States for Women | Dominant Political Culture | Percentage of State Legislators Who Are Women |
| 46. Oklahoma | Traditionalistic | 13.4 |
| 47. Arkansas | Traditionalistic | 17.0 |
| 48. Kentucky | Traditionalistic | 18.1 |
| 49. South Carolina | Traditionalistic | 12.9 |
| 50. Mississippi | Traditionalistic | 17.2 |

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