For more women in politics

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More women in politics - and equality

Putting more women on top of a patriarchal system will not bring us equality – changing the system will

• We need feminist policy to ensure equality.
• We need to have an intersectional analysis of representation, oppression and power – otherwise women will continue the oppression of other women in a system inherited by men.
• This includes inter alia colour/race/ethnicity, socio economic status, disability, gender and gender expression, sexual orientation, bodily characteristics and migratory status.
The Swedish socialdemocratic model

How the Swedish Social Democrats utilizes the "every other woman" strategy or gender based quotas

• Initially used by the Swedish Social Democratic Party in the 1994 national elections.

• Party established demand that every other person from the party should be female on local, regional and national electoral lists.

• A form of electoral gender quota relying on the willingness of political parties rather than legislation.

• A successful "fast track model" to gender equal representation in the context of local, regional and national parliamentary elections.
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How is it working so far?
More women – how?

What is easier? Overcoming or dismantling the hurdles?
We have to dismantle them for us and the generations to come.

Examples of hurdles

Violence
We are seeing threats against women in the public sphere, especially online, often from racist, nationalist and right wing groups.

Structures
Men have always been expected to have a wife to take care of the home – so the infrastructure to combine family and political life is lacking - while women are expected to get in to politics.

We are expecting our female/feminine non-binary politicians to be super humans.