

Belarus's 40% Women in Parliament — High Numbers Inside a Non-Free Election

Gender Equality · Good practice · Belarus

Quality score: 22/100

Evidence strength: Cautionary / limited

Summary

40% of deputies elected to Belarus's House of Representatives in Nov 2019 were women, among Europe's highest shares. OSCE/ODIHR and Freedom House found the same election failed democratic standards — high descriptive representation can coexist with an unfree system.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	0/3
Impact on gender equality	0/1
Effectiveness	0/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	0/1
Achievement / evidence	0/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	0/1
Curator validation	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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