

***Analysing Female Visibility
in Political Institutions
Slovenia***

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Studies on woman participation in the three branches of power

- Most studies on woman participation in politics focused mainly on the Government and Parliament.
- In the framework of EU research project on Women and Governance the situation in jurisdiction has also been investigated.

Representation of women in jurisdiction

- Representation of women in jurisdiction is far higher than in the other two branches of power. This is also typical for other new EU members.
- Still, their presence declines with the importance of the court.

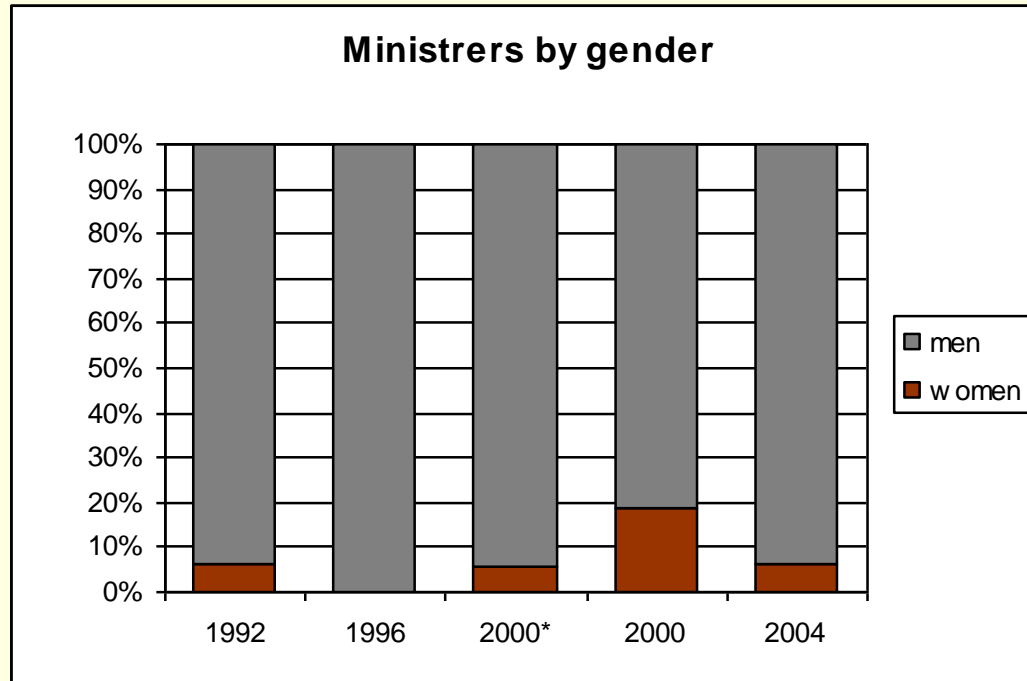
Representation of women in the Government

Slovene Government



There used to be only one woman minister in the present government, in 2008 there are three of them.

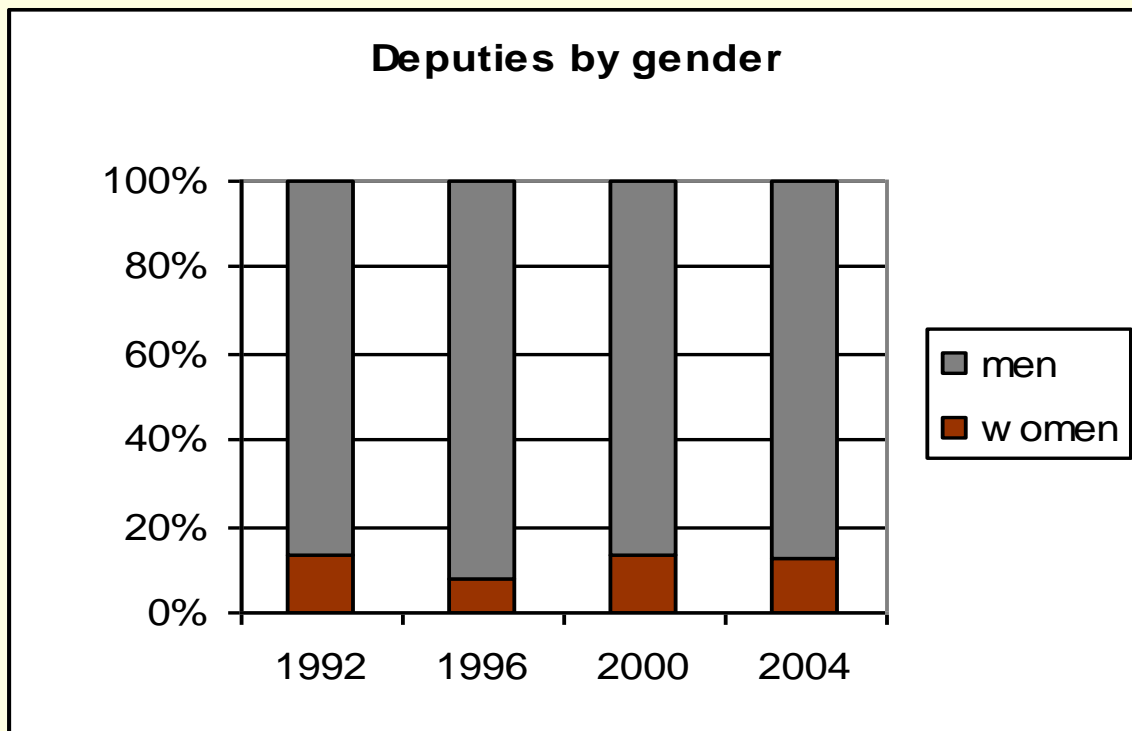
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- The number of women ministers was highest in the period 2000-2004 (18,8%).

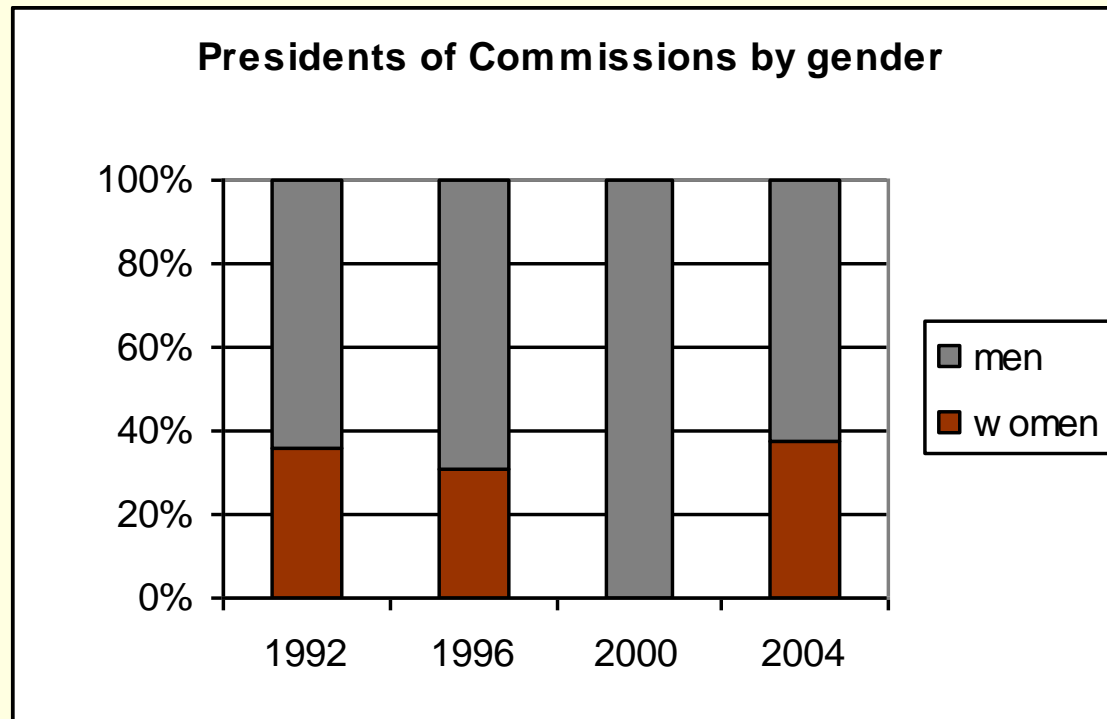
Representation of women in the Parliament

- The number of woman deputies has varied between 7,8 and 13,3.



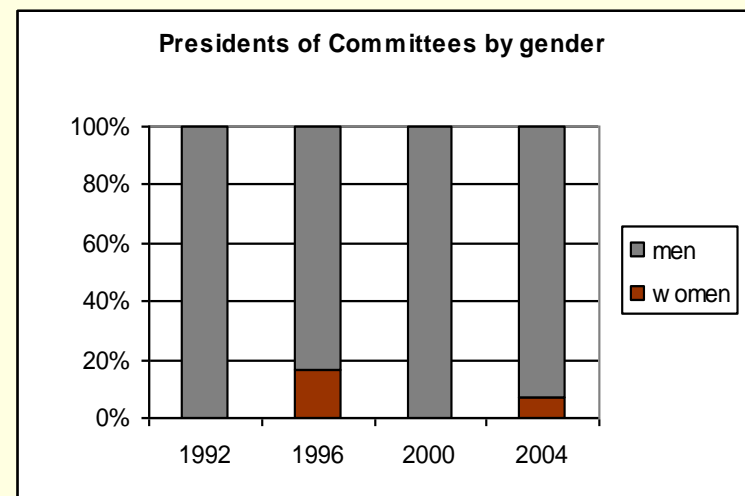
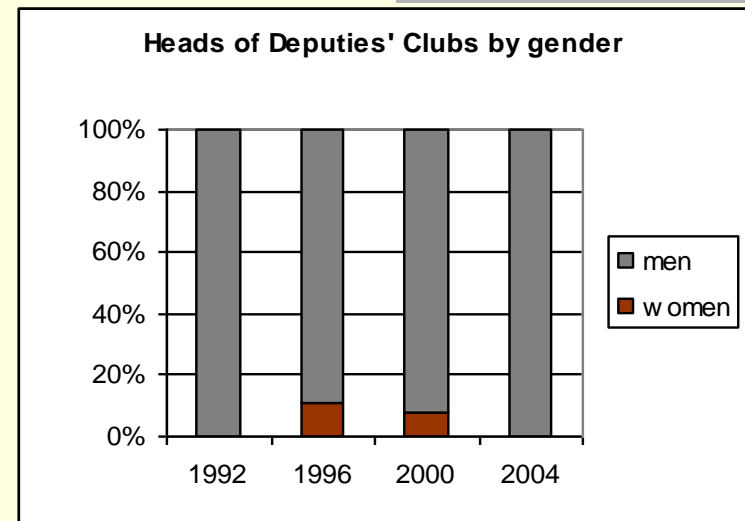
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- Except for the one period they have been quite well represented among the presidents of the Parliamentary Commissions...



Representation of women in the Parliament

- ... but the same does not hold true for the Deputies' Clubs and Parliamentary Committees.



Parliamentary deputies in the media

- The Slovene Democratic Party seems to have introduced a new way of presenting women in politics.



Parliamentary deputies in the media – an example

Yellow press

- Parliamentary deputies did not attract yellow press before the last elections when ex-TV speaker was elected.
- Examples of questions: *Do you wear the highest heels in the Parliament? Do your colleagues comment on your cleavage? Do you wear tanga slip?*

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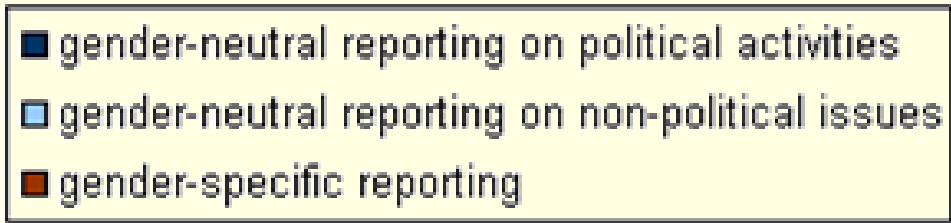
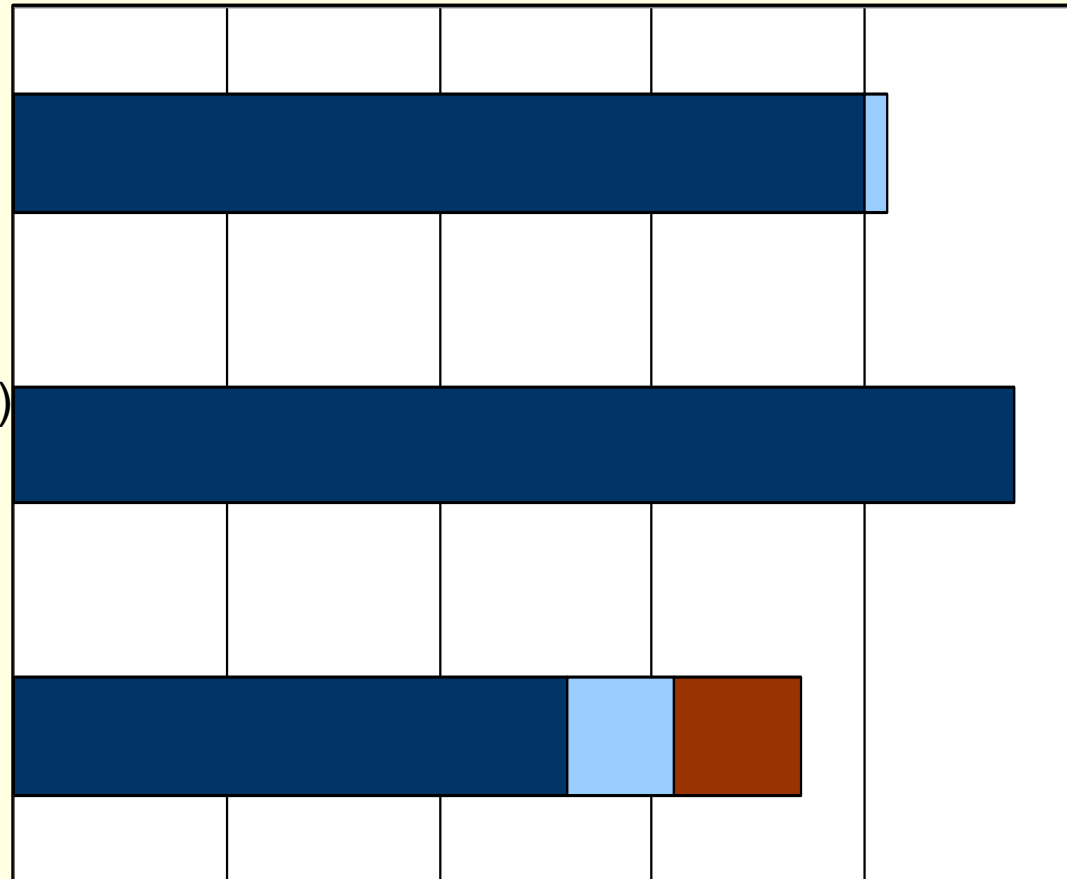
Maria Pozsonec
Hungarian minority
Deputy since 1990



Majda Potrata
left wing (Soc. Democrats)
president of the
Commission for Petitions,
Equal Opportunities etc.

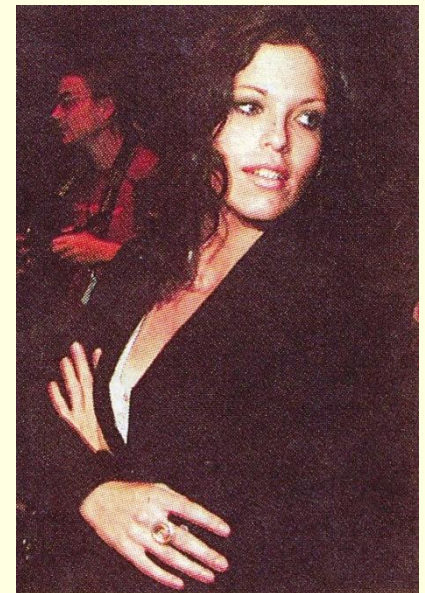


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right wing (SDS)
theology student
ex-tv speaker



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