

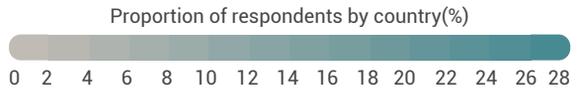
# Report on Youth Survey: Gender and Electability in the Arab World



## Survey Overview

A survey on gender and electability in the Middle East and North Africa.

- **Countries:** Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia
- **Fielding Dates:** August 19, 2022 to September 25, 2022
- **Purpose:** To explore youth's attitudes toward the electability, perceived traits, and competencies of female candidates.



## Who Took the Survey?



**31,619**

Total Number of Respondents.

Algeria (17.52%), Egypt (29.88%)  
Jordan (17.67%), Libya (3.43%)  
Morocco (24.77%), Tunisia (6.73%)



**27 Year Old**

Average Age of Respondents.  
More than 90% below 39 years of age.



**17,151 (54%).**

Number of Female Respondents.



**25,779 (81%).**

Number of Respondents with a Bachelors Degree and Above.

## Individual and Community Views of Gender



60% agree that **women, compared to men, tend to have a superior moral sensibility.**<sup>1</sup>



57% stated that **men make better political leaders than women.**<sup>2</sup>



23% disapprove of a **woman publicly disagreeing with a man's opinion.**<sup>3</sup>

## Gendered Expectations



The majority of Respondents believe that it is equally acceptable for both genders to lead a Business (68%)<sup>4</sup> or Civil Society Organization (61%)<sup>5</sup>.



Many also believe that both women and men are equally capable of running a Business (52%)<sup>6</sup> or Civil Society Organization (47%)<sup>7</sup>.

- On the other hand, the proportion of Respondents who stated men are more **capable** and **acceptable** to lead in both competency domains is greater than those who stated otherwise.

Competency		More Acceptable	More Capable
Business		2.45%	7.92%
Civil Society		3.85%	12.79%
Business		28.17%	36.90%
Civil Society		31.66%	35.71%

## Youth Voting Preference

When it comes to gender and electability, Youth are :



less likely to state that they would vote for a male candidate than that they would vote for a female candidate



more likely to believe that others would vote for a male candidate than a female candidate



more likely to expect influential people will support a male candidate than a female candidate.



**Youth express frustrations with elected officials in the Arab world. Does the appearance of woman as outsiders make them more appealing to voters?**

For more details, see Ellen Lust and Lindsay Benstead, "Is the Future Female? A Conjoint Experiment on Voter Preferences in Six Arab Countries," Unpublished Manuscript, available upon request.

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*Full Survey Questions:*

*1 - How much do you Agree/Disagree with the statement below?*

*"Women, compared to men, tend to have a superior moral sensibility."*

*2 - How much do you Agree/Disagree with the statement below?*

*"On the whole, men make better political leaders than women do ."*

*3 - In the area where you're living now, how acceptable is it... For women to publicly disagree with a man's opinion?*

*4 - When it comes to running a business, would you say that it is more acceptable for a man or a woman to run a business, or they are equally acceptable?*

*5- When it comes to running a civil society organization, would you say that it is more acceptable for a man or a woman to run a civil society organization, or they are equally acceptable?*

*6- Who is more capable of running a business?*

*7 - Who is more capable of running a civil society organization?*

*How to Cite:*

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