

DO STATES THAT TEACH COMPREHENSIVE SEX EDUCATION HAVE HIGHER REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN IN GOVERNMENT?

- Results neither proved nor disproved hypothesis
- Modern notion of 'comprehensive sex ed' emerged in the 90s
 - Very small pool of elected representatives who would have received this curriculum
- Support for a relationship between representatives' gender and their support for sex education policies
 - Most sex education laws are introduced by women— nationally and at state levels
- Sex ed curricula are developing to include more topics that could impact the underlying reasons why women are less likely to run (self-esteem, self-worth, healthy relationships)
- Reason to believe that this trend will emerge once there are enough women politicians who experienced modern sex education in school