

# Americans ready for woman president

**Only seven percent think America is ready for a gay president**

A growing number of adults in the United States believe their country is prepared to see a female politician occupying the White House, according to a Gallup Poll released by *USA Today*. Sixty-one percent of respondents think Americans are ready to elect a woman as president.



**Polls show a woman could possibly be our next president: who might it be?**

Neither of the two major political parties in the U.S. has ever nominated a woman for president. In 1984, New York congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro was Walter Mondale's vice-presidential nominee on the Democratic ticket.

In 1999, North Carolina senator Elizabeth Dole pulled out of the race for the Republican presidential nomination before the primaries. In late 2003, former ambassador and Illinois

native Carol Moseley Braun sought the Democratic presidential nomination, but withdrew in January 2004 to support former Vermont governor Howard Dean.

In addition, 58 percent of respondents think their country is ready to elect an African-American as head of state, while 55 percent feel the same way about a Jewish politician. In 2004, two African Americans — Moseley Braun and Al Sharpton — and a Jew — Connecticut senator Joe Lieberman — sought the Democratic presidential nomination.

More than half of all respondents feel the U.S. is not prepared to have a Hispanic, an Asian, a Mormon or an atheist in the White House. Only seven percent of respondents think their country is ready to elect a gay or lesbian president. ▶

## Polling Data

### Woman

Yes 61 percent  
No 38 percent

### African-American or black

Yes 58 percent  
No 40 percent

### Jew

Yes 55 percent  
No 42 percent

### Hispanic

Yes 41 percent

No 58 percent  
**Asian**

Yes 33 percent  
No 64 percent

### Latter-Day Saint or Mormon

Yes 29 percent  
No 66 percent

### Atheist

Yes 14 percent  
No 84 percent

### Gay or lesbian

Yes 7 percent  
No 91 percent

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