

Breaking Down Public Policy

And How Your Support Improves
Our State for Mississippi Women



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What is Public Policy?

Public policy is diverse and can impact our lives in a variety of ways.

Here are few types of public policy:

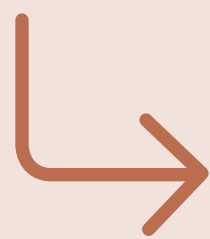
- Policy advocacy
- Criminal or legal policy
- Childcare policy
- Maternal healthcare policy
- Environmental policy
- Policy litigation



Public policy is a broad term, but it includes any policy that impacts the public.

How Does Diversity Improve Public Policy?

Women bring an essential perspective and knowledge base to the policymaking process. Increasing the number of women in public policy and leadership will help ensure that policies are **accurate** in addressing needs and providing resources for Mississippi women and girls.



Only **12.5%** of members of the Mississippi House of Representatives and about **17.6%** of members of the Mississippi Senate are women, whereas **68.8%** of Mississippi's state legislators are white males.

According to statistics from the U.S. Census



When we have a legislature that is dominated by one race, one gender, then our policies look one-sided. But if we have more diversity, because we're bringing more experience to the table, then we have better policies that impact the lives of more people in a more positive way.

How Does Your Support Help?

Your support helps us foster new partnerships that lead to the creation of programs like Mississippi Women in the Lead and the "Power in Purpose" Workshop that are focused on increasing women's representation in public policy leadership and policymaking.



Mississippi Women in the Lead is committed to bringing diversity to the public policy process by engaging women from all backgrounds, and helping women take the lead in issues that not only impact women and children, but people as a whole.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT!



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