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Israel's Local Elections 2018

Arab Women Entering Public Life

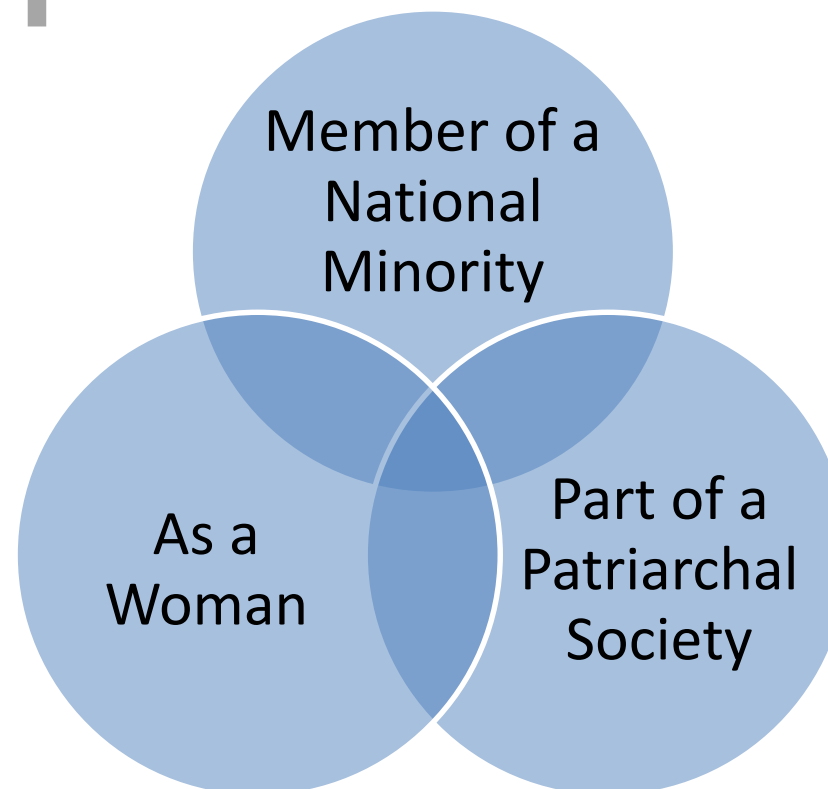
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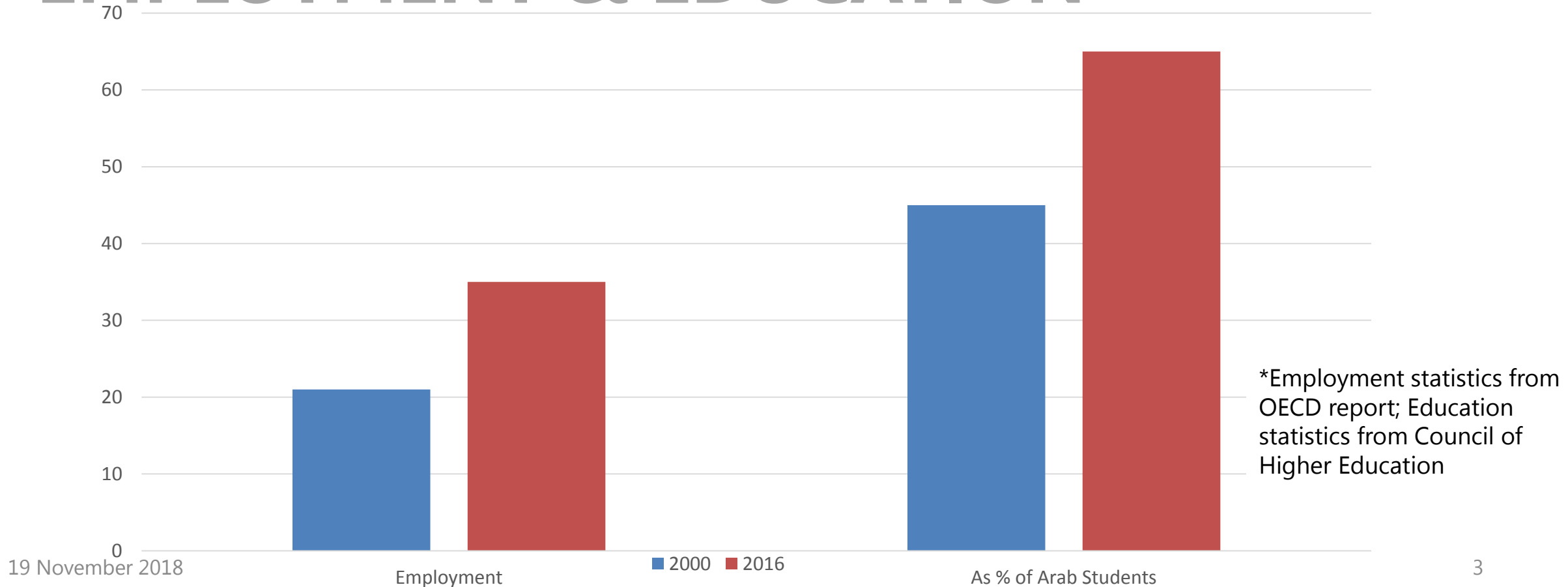


MULTIPLE CHALLENGES | ARAB WOMEN IN ISRAELI SOCIETY

Arab Women in Israeli Society
face 3 layers of discrimination:



INCREASING PARTICIPATION | EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION



ARAB WOMEN IN PUBLIC LIFE | BATTLING EXCLUSION

73

Since 1948, only 73 Arab Women have been elected to local councils

47

In the 2013 elections, 50 local Arab councils had no women candidates at all.

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There has only ever been one Arab Woman who has led a local authority, and this was only for 6 months in a rotation agreement.

MEKOMIOT 2018 | A COORDINATED CAMPAIGN FOR WOMEN'S REPRESENTATION

מקומיות 2018
بلديات

الانتخابات ستجرى خلال
00 00 00
دقيقة ساعة يوم

فقط 6 نساء
من 257 سلطة محلية
يترأسن منصب رئاسة
السلطة المحلية

2.3%

صفحة البيت

من نحن

خارطة المرشحات

تمثيل النساء في الكنيست

بلديات في الاعلام

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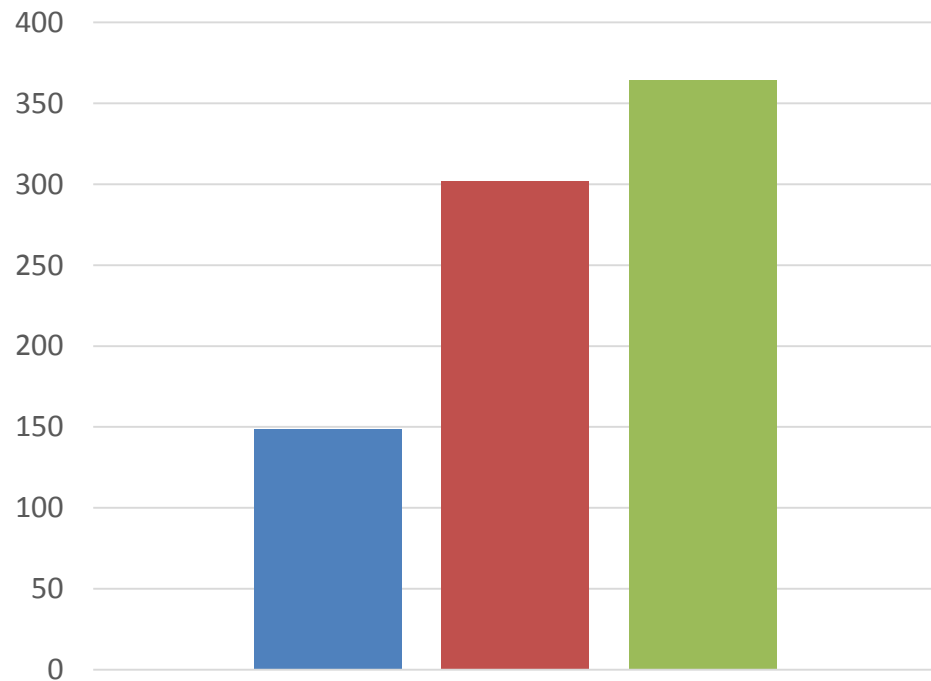
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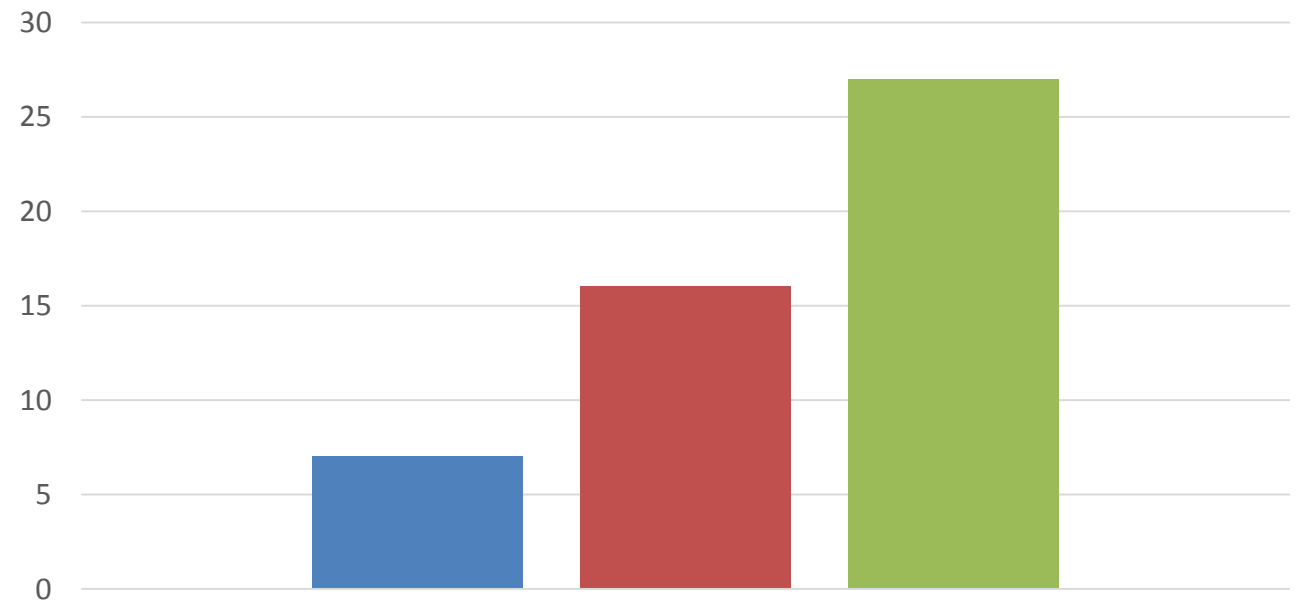
PUBLIC DISCOURSE

CAMPAIGN

INCREASING PARTICIPATION | 2018 RESULTS



Arab Women Candidates
 ■ 2008 ■ 2013 ■ 2018



Arab Women Elected to Office
 ■ 2008 ■ 2013 ■ 2018

BACKDROP | VIOLENCE AND INTIMIDATION

- **High voter turn-out rate:** Local elections in Arab towns are of key interest, but often towns divided by different family/clan loyalties;
- **Violent atmosphere:** intimidation of candidates; street violence; use of illegal weapons
- **Shaming of women candidates:** Women take a risk when standing for office
- **Social Media:** Increasing violent rhetoric



Gunmen open fire on the house of the newly elected Mayor of Tuba Zangriya, 9th November 2018



“In recent years, more and more Arab women are becoming aware of the importance of representation in local government. We’re part of Arab society, we deserve political representation, and we have the right to have a say in how our society looks.”

Ola Najmi Yousef, Haaretz, July 4th, 2018

THANK YOU

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