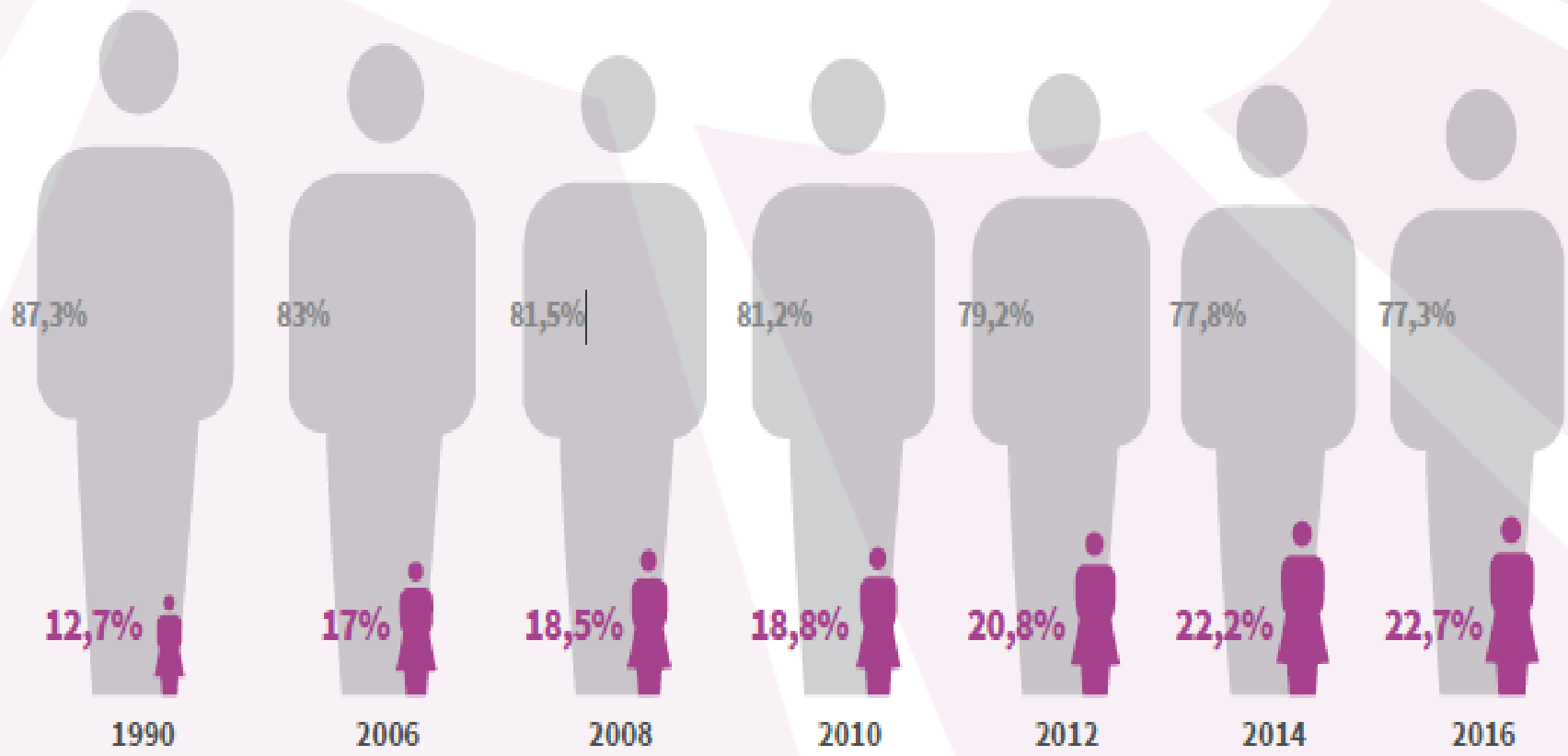




# WOMEN IN PARLIAMENTS GLOBAL FORUM (WIP)

The Female Political Career  
*Riigikogu, Tallinn, 19 October 2016*

# Women in Parliaments



**Only 1 out every 5 parliamentarian is a woman**

# About Women in Parliaments Global Forum

WIP is the global network of the world's 9000 female Parliamentarians.



WIPs mission is to see greater gender balance in politics, reflecting the diversity of our societies, by providing a unique platform for the exchange of ideas experiences and best practices.



# About Women in Parliaments Global Forum



## WIP focus on:

- Our Network
- Advocacy
- Research

“Instead of standing in front of the Parliament, why don’t we go inside and join politics.” – Malala Yousafzai, campaigner for Girls’ Education

# The Female Political Career

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## THE FEMALE POLITICAL CAREER

Frances Rosenbluth  
(Yale University)

Joshua Kalla  
(UC Berkeley)

Dawn Teele  
(The London School of Economics)

The book cover features a grid of black and white photographs of women. The top row includes a large portrait of Frances Rosenbluth on the left and a smaller portrait of a woman on the right. The middle row shows a portrait of a woman on the left and a portrait of Joshua Kalla on the right. The bottom row contains three portraits: a woman on the left, a woman in the middle, and Dawn Teele on the right. The title 'THE FEMALE POLITICAL CAREER' is centered in large, bold, sans-serif font. The year '2015' is positioned above the title. The authors' names and affiliations are listed at the bottom right of the cover.

*“Biggest obstacle in politics: being a woman and mother (spend evenings at home rather than at meetings)”*

**Female MP, Estonia**

## Key findings:

- Difficulties balancing family and work
- Lack of access to networks of political support
- Ambition gaps
- Negative portrayal/stereotyping in media



# Social Media: Advancing Women in Politics?





## Key findings:

- Social Media are a political equalizer
- The “Mommy Penalty” does not apply
- Social Media bring new risks

**Suur tänu!**

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