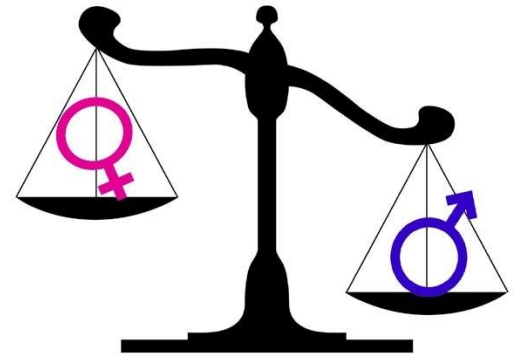


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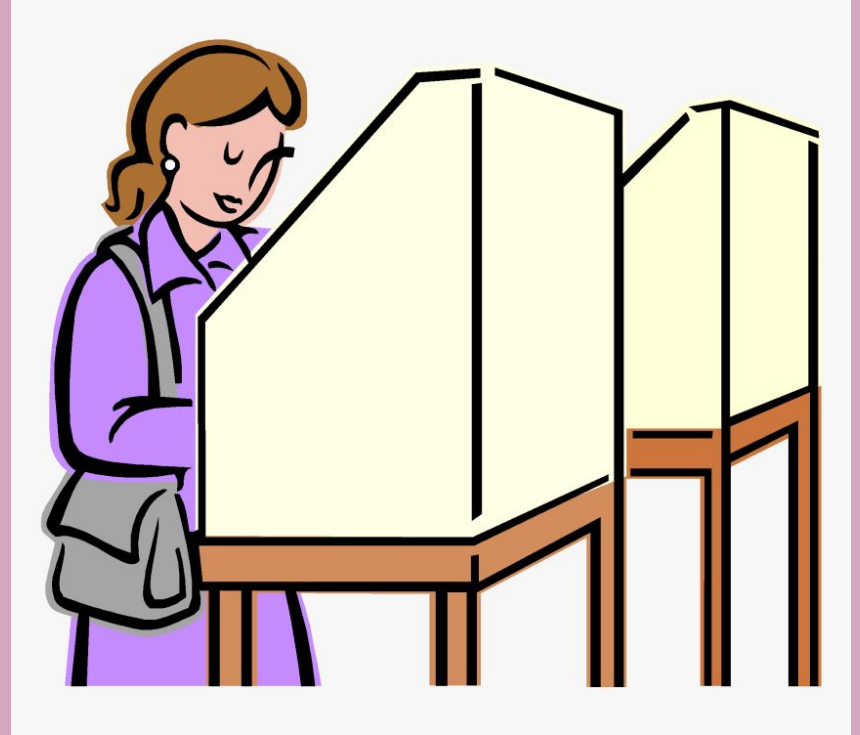
- ✎ Italy remained for decades one of the countries in Europe with the lowest representation of women in the national parliament.
- ✎ Since 2006 the number of MPs started growing but there are still obstacles:
  - the mechanisms for the selection of candidates by political parties;
  - the disposition towards female candidates of voters, often blinded by prejudice.



# What did Italy do against gender inequalities?

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- The constitutional article n.51 was expanded (2003): *“the Republic shall adopt specific measures to promote equal opportunities between women and men”*.
- In Italy the first two candidates in a list and the voters' three preferences must be of different genders.



# What did Italy do against gender inequalities?

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- But our country mainly intervened from a European point of view with L.n. 65 (2014):
  - The lists presented for any election cannot be composed of candidates more than half of whom are of the same gender.
  - Italy finally implemented L.n.65 (2014) in 2019 European elections.



# Gender Inequalities in Italian politics: Leonilde Iotti

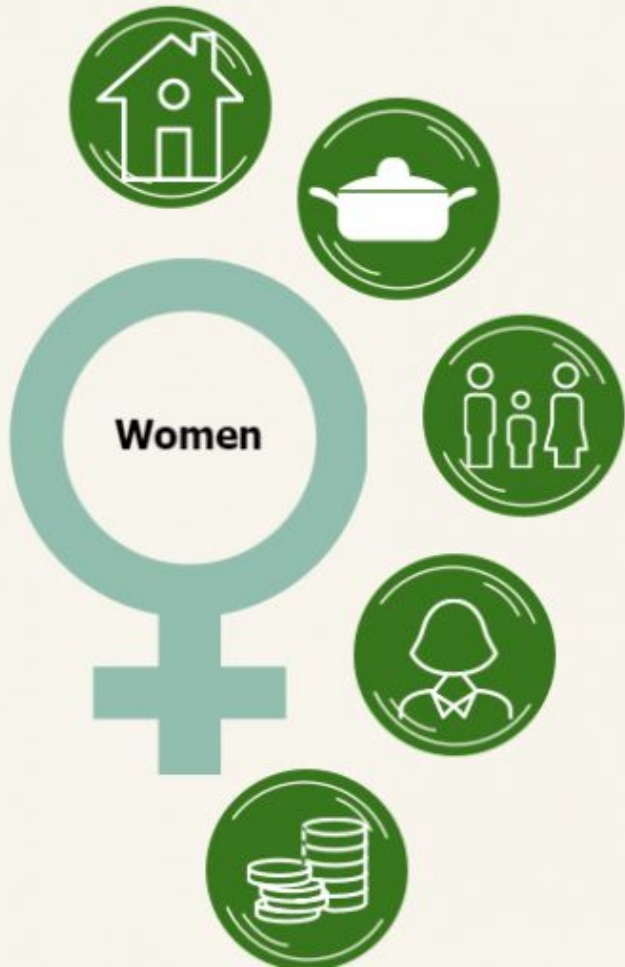
- Leonilde Iotti was the first woman to hold the office of President of the Chamber of Deputies for three legislatures, from 1979 to 1992, achieving an unchallenged result in both monarchical and republican Italy.
- She made a great contribution, among others, to the issues of legal equality of spouses, equal pay between men and women and the recognition of equal rights for illegitimate children, who should have been granted the same rights as legitimate children.



# Gender Inequalities in Italian politics: the media

- ❗ The image portrayed by media doesn't help:
  - the collective imaginary promoted by the Italian media relegates women to very specific roles: sexual objects, mothers and housewives.
  
- ❗ stereotypes flourish and women neither get elected nor voted.





# Gender Inequalities in italian politics

- In our country, we Italians have organized some campaigns and petitions to support the reduction of gender inequalities such as the flashmob “dateci voce”.
- It's founded by women to have a greater role in the country's official response to the Coronavirus outbreak.

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- The campaign has had a good effect with Italy's ex prime minister Giuseppe Conte instructing both government ministers to bear in mind gender representation when creating task forcing.



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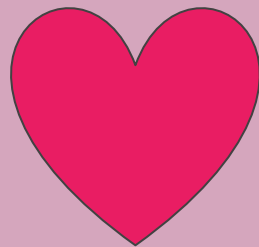
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