

Political Participation in Brazil

A Look at Gender

Women are 51% of the Brazilian population...



Females (51%) Males (49%)

... but hold fewer than 12% of seats in Congress and just 7% of cabinet posts.



Females (16%) Males (84%)

Senate



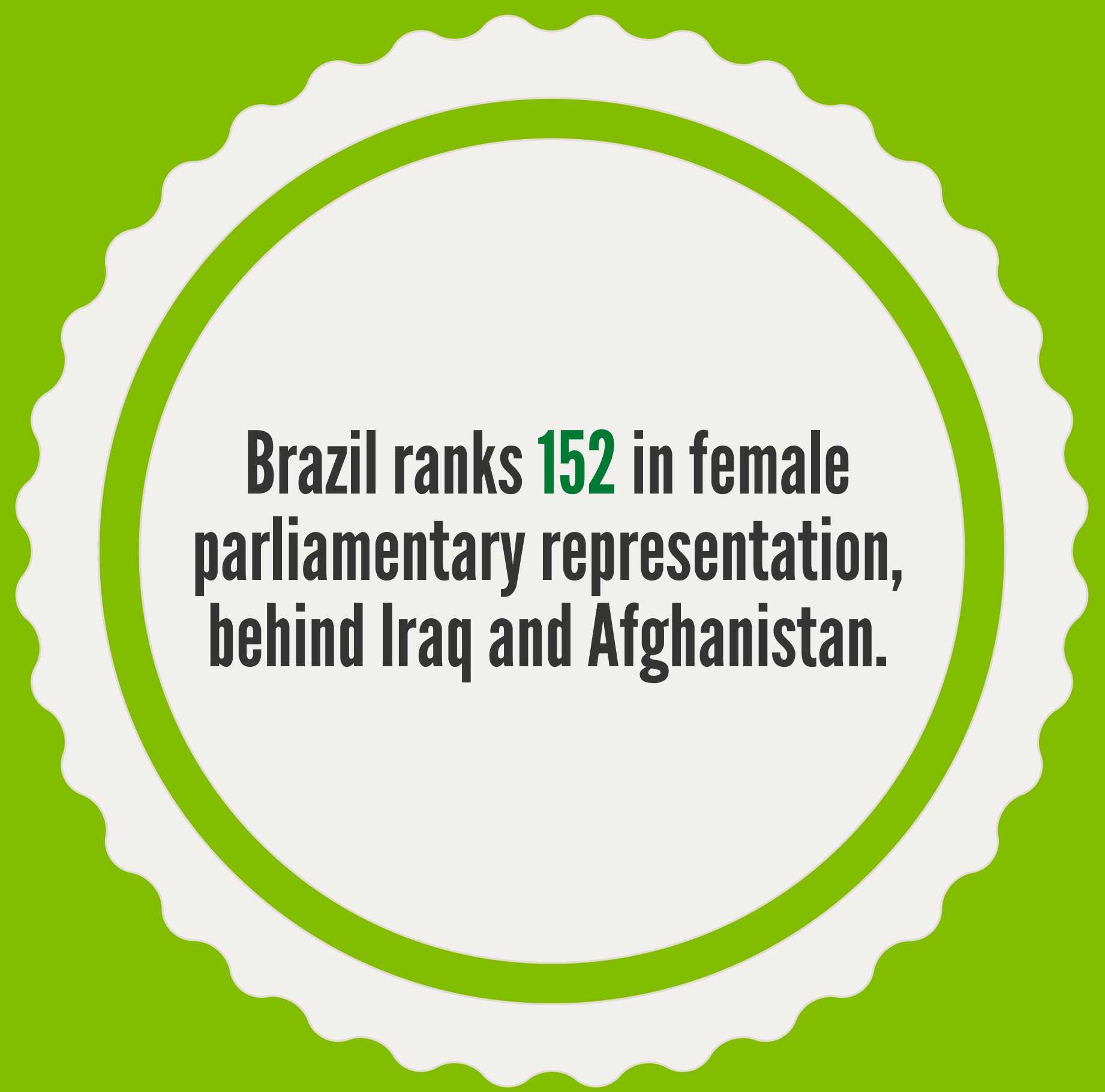
Females (10.50%) Males (89.50%)

House of Representatives



Females (7.10%) Males (92.90%)

Cabinet Ministers



Despite a 30% candidacy quota, and recent increases in the number of female candidates, women still struggle to get elected.

2010 General Elections

2014 General Elections

22.4%

of candidates were women



31%

of candidates were women

11.7%

of elected officials were women



10.9%

of elected officials were women

"The political arena is a sexist, patriarchal environment that closes its doors to women."

- Luciana Lóssio,
Justice of the Superior Electoral Court