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In national politics, women are rising. In New Jersey, they're treading water.

NJ.com published an op-ed written by [Center for American Women and Politics](#) (CAWP) associate director [Jean Sinzduk](#).

"In the 2020 elections, women set a slew of new

records for representation in the U.S. Congress, including highs for women in the Congress overall and in the House, for Republican women, and for women of color. Here in the Garden State, however, the situation for women's advancement in politics isn't so inspiring. Every year, the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University issues our county report card, which ranks the 21 New Jersey counties based on women's representation on local councils, in mayoral offices, and as county commissioners (formerly freeholders). In this year's report card, the counties of New Jersey have managed a middling performance, with some counties doing better than others. Some counties appear to have dropped the class altogether," wrote Sinzduk.

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A Survey Researcher's Many Decisions



[Oxford Encyclopedia of Politics](#) published a new chapter about survey research written by [Ashley Koning](#), assistant research professor and director of the [Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling](#).

"Survey research is often interpreted as an exact science, but its role in assessing the social world-and its foundation in statistics-make it a methodological tool less about absolute certainty and more about estimation, choice, and trade-off. Much like any other

research method, the survey process involves a number of important decisions for a researcher to make, and every decision affects not only the end result but also all of the subsequent choices along the way," wrote Koning.

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Rutgers Magazine: A Rising Tide



CAWP experts [Debbie Walsh](#) and [Kelly Dittmar](#) were interviewed for a *Rutgers Magazine* article about the growing number of women running for public office.

"Debbie Walsh and Kelly Dittmar, two oft-quoted scholars with the Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) at Rutgers University-New Brunswick who were interviewed for this story in September, are encouraged by the statistics, which represent more glass ceilings being shattered. The pair considers Kamala Harris's vice presidential run nothing short of a watershed moment that further will soften the ground for women presidential candidates in the future."

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New Course for the 2021 Spring Semester

Institute faculty and practioners continue to create new [course offerings](#) at Eagleton as well as in their work across Rutgers.

Gerrymandering and Democracy

Date/time: Thursdays 2:15 - 5:15pm

Course number: 01:790:349

Department of Political Science, Rutgers-New Brunswick

Instructors: [John Farmer](#), Eagleton director; [John Weingart](#), Eagleton associate director; [Travis Francis](#), Of Counsel at Riker and Danzig and former Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey; and [Steve Lefelt](#), former Judge of the Superior Court of New Jersey.

The class will focus on New Jersey and the national congressional election redistricting effort that occurs every ten years after the new census figures are released. Students will learn how to utilize current computer programs to construct district maps that do not favor

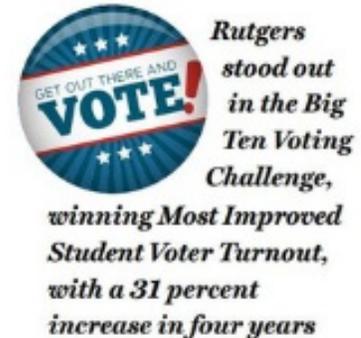
or disfavor any political party or person and comply with the one-person one-vote constitutional standard and the federal Voting Rights Act. As a final class project, the students will develop impartial district maps for congressional elections that foster the interests of voters. We will publicize the maps to encourage discussion by the New Jersey Redistricting Commission, politicians, and interested members of the public.

Rutgers Great Things to Know About

Life-Changing Research

Only at Rutgers–New Brunswick

The nation's go-to resource for insight on women in the political sphere, the Eagleton Institute's **CENTER FOR AMERICAN WOMEN AND POLITICS** appears in the national media on a weekly basis.



The Rutgers' [Great Things to Know About](#) report highlighted Eagleton centers and programs. Under a section about life-changing research that is only happening at Rutgers University-New Brunswick, the report recognized CAWP as the nation's go-to resource for insight on women in the political sphere. The report also celebrated that Rutgers won the Most Improved Award during the Big Ten Voting Challenge for a 31 percent increase in student voting rates. This achievement was made possible in large part by the [Center for Youth Political Participation's RU Voting program](#).

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Eagleton in the news

This list is only a handful of instances where Eagleton experts have provided political analysis in the news. [Read more](#) from Eagleton experts.



How the Biden Administration could mark a 'turning point for women'

[NBC News](#) interviewed CAWP scholar and director of research [Kelly Dittmar](#) about President-elect Joe Biden's cabinet and staff selections.

"We have to give credit to the fact that these are highly qualified women, and I don't think that they were chosen because they were women," said Dittmar.

"They were chosen because they were highly qualified candidates for the job. But I also think that we can, and should consider their perspectives and experiences as women, as mothers, as mothers of young children, as among their qualifications for office... They're

going to bring questions, considerations, and perspectives that haven't always been there in these conversations in the White House [and] they're going to very likely be more thoughtful about the experiences of parents and as mothers with young children, especially in this pandemic."



Star-Ledger

Second stimulus check update: Your next payment could depend on Georgia Senate runoff election. Here's the latest.

[NJ.com](#) interviewed ECPIP director [Ashley Koning](#) about the potential for a second federal stimulus check in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It's becoming more and more clear that a stimulus package is desperately needed," said Ashley Koning, assistant research professor and director of Rutgers' Eagleton Center for Public Interest Polling. "It would seem logical for both Democrats and Republicans to want to come to some kind of consensus on this."



Hear women roar in New Mexico politics

[The Santa Fe New Mexican](#) interviewed CAWP associate director [Jean Sinzdak](#).

"The New Mexico data mirrors everything we are seeing overall around the country," Sinzdak said. "In general, there are record numbers of women running at every level, from the state legislature up to Congress."



NJ's clout in House could hang on census case before Supreme Court

[NJ Spotlight News](#) interviewed [John J. Farmer, Jr.](#), Eagleton director, about redistricting.

"It's a nakedly partisan effort and the states with the most to lose are largely Democratic, while the states that would tend to gain are states in the middle of the country," said Farmer, who served as the tiebreaking member of the commission that redrew New Jersey's congressional district boundaries a decade ago. "It's another form of gerrymandering, using the census."

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