

Big Shift or Big Return?

*Visible Minority Representation in the
2015 Election*

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Agenda

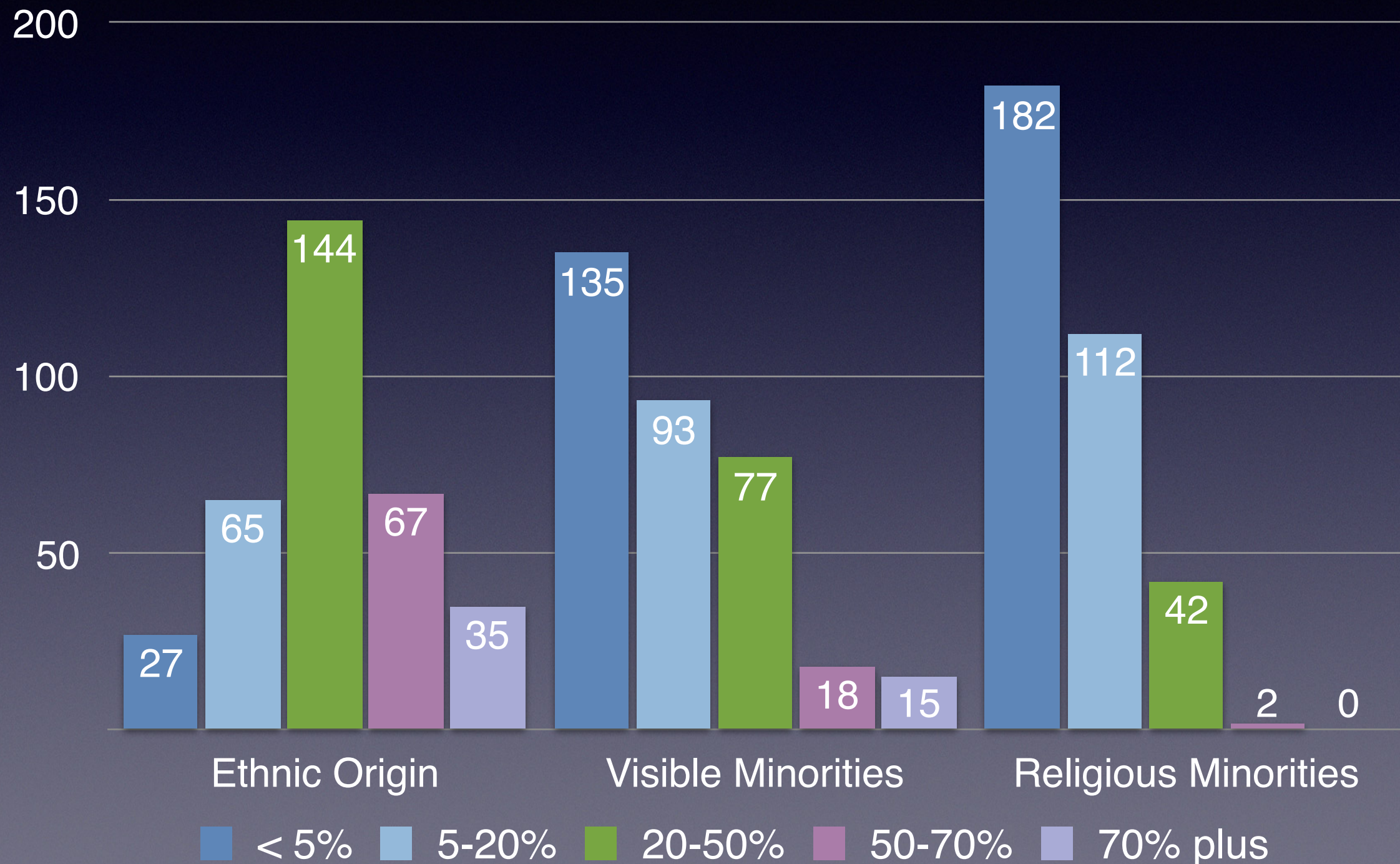
- Riding portrait
- Candidates
- MPs Elected
- Over/under representation
- 33 Visible *Majority* Ridings
- MP comparison
- Implications

Methodology

- NHS and Elections Canada data
- Mix of names, photos, MP profiles, Parliamentary website
- Number of visible minority *citizens* (15 %), not total population (19 %)

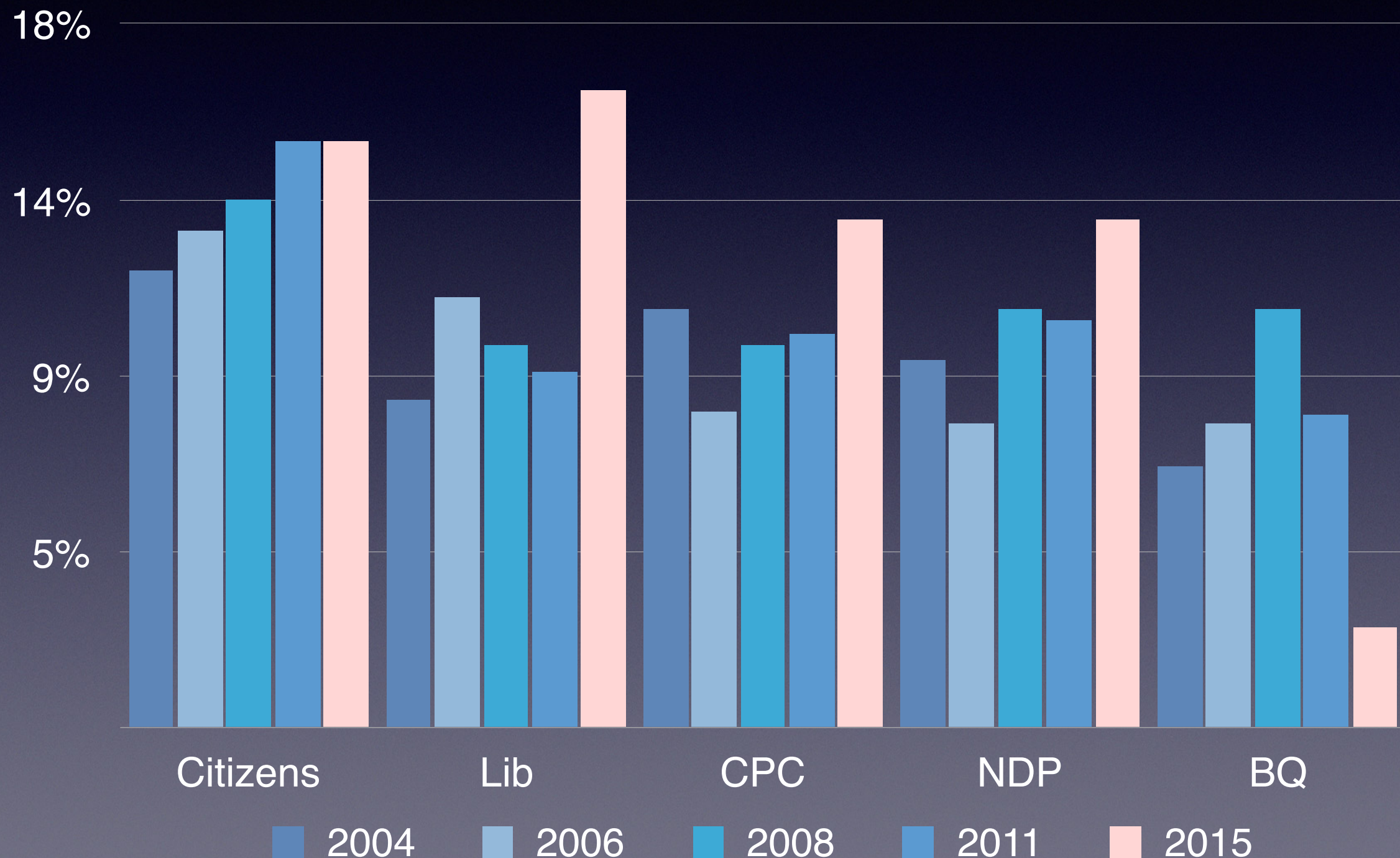
Concentration vs Dispersion

2015 Electoral Ridings View of Ethnic Enclaves



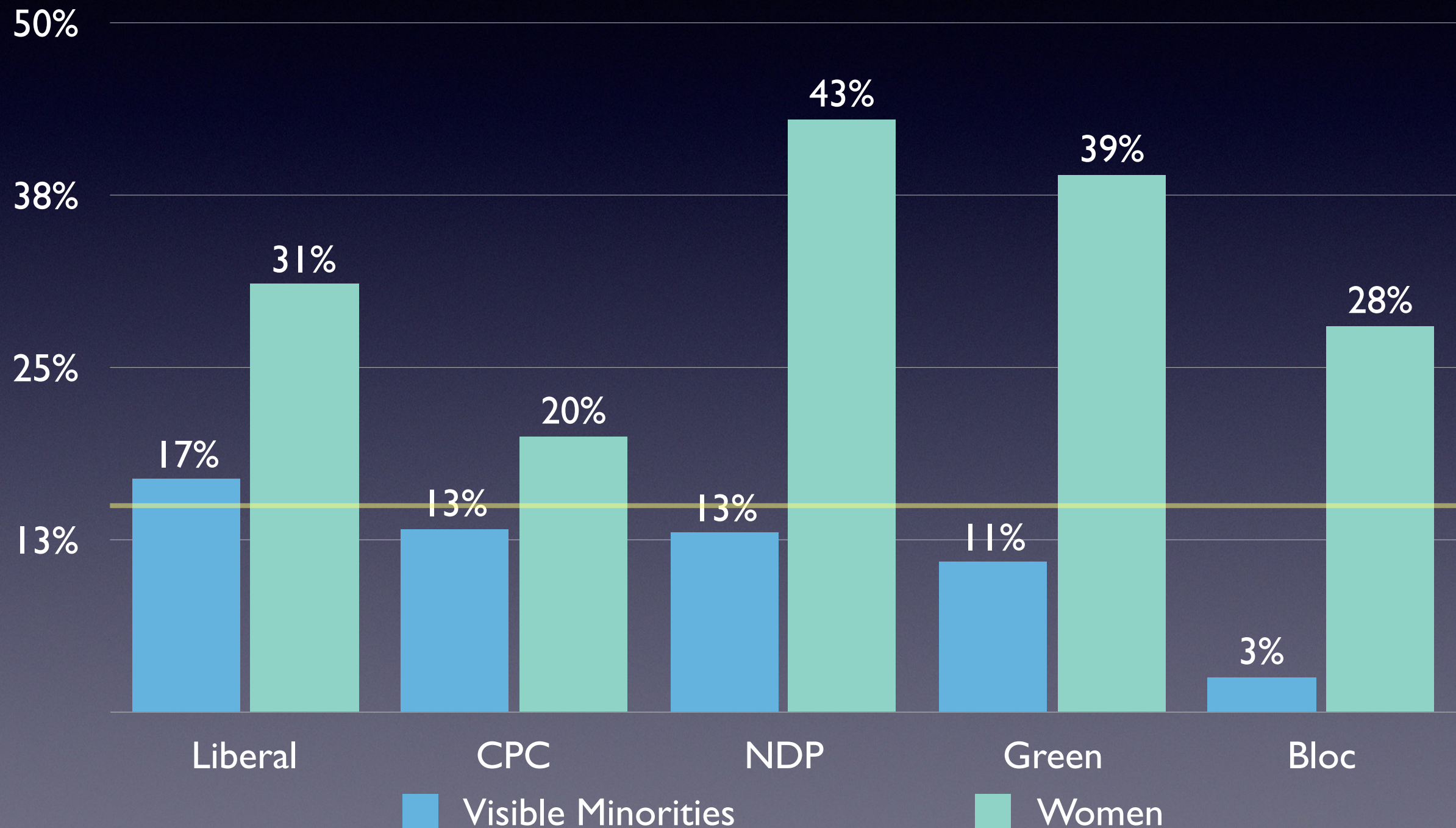
Growth in Candidates 2015

Visible Minority 2004 - 2015 Elections



2015 Candidates

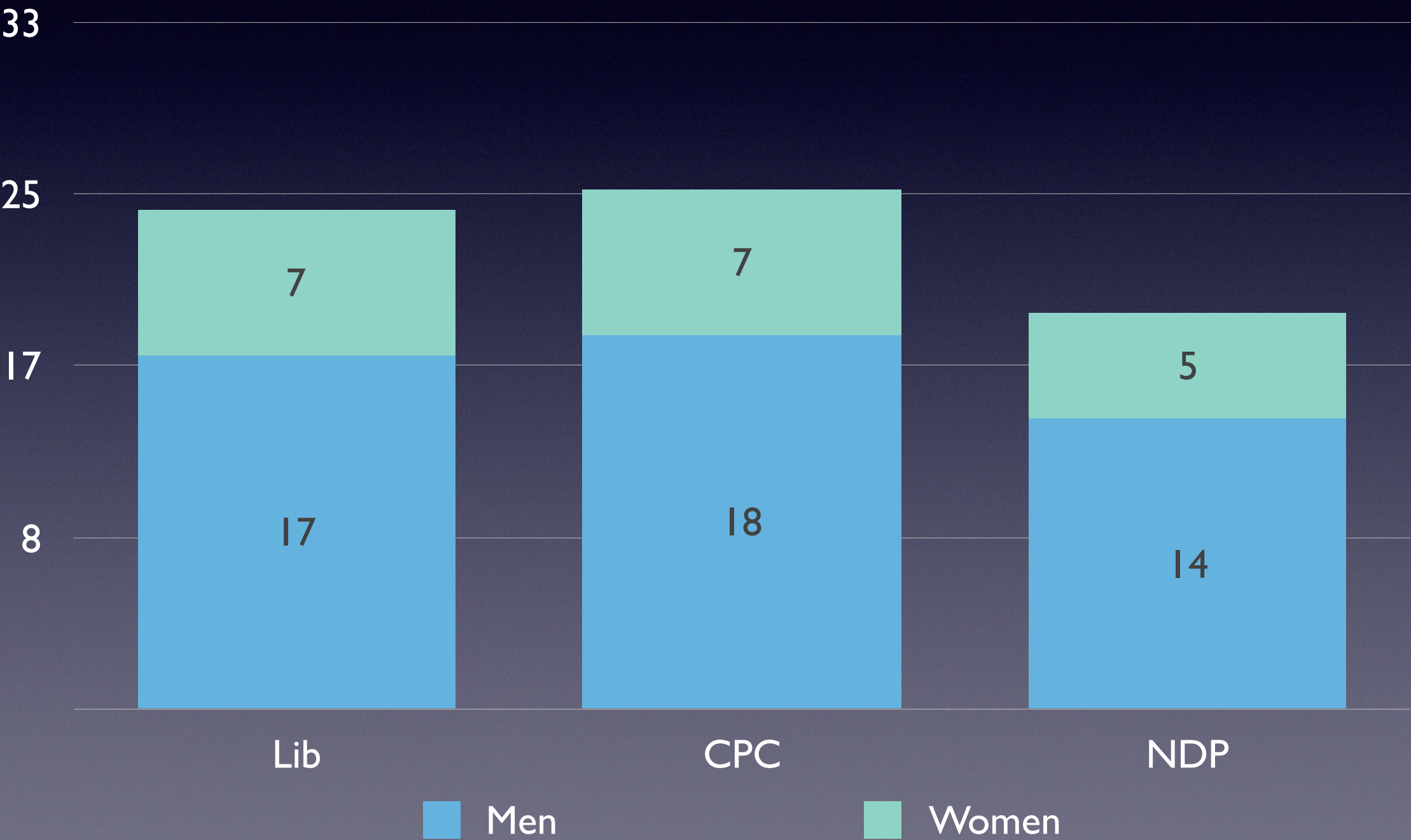
PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN CANDIDATES 2015 ELECTION



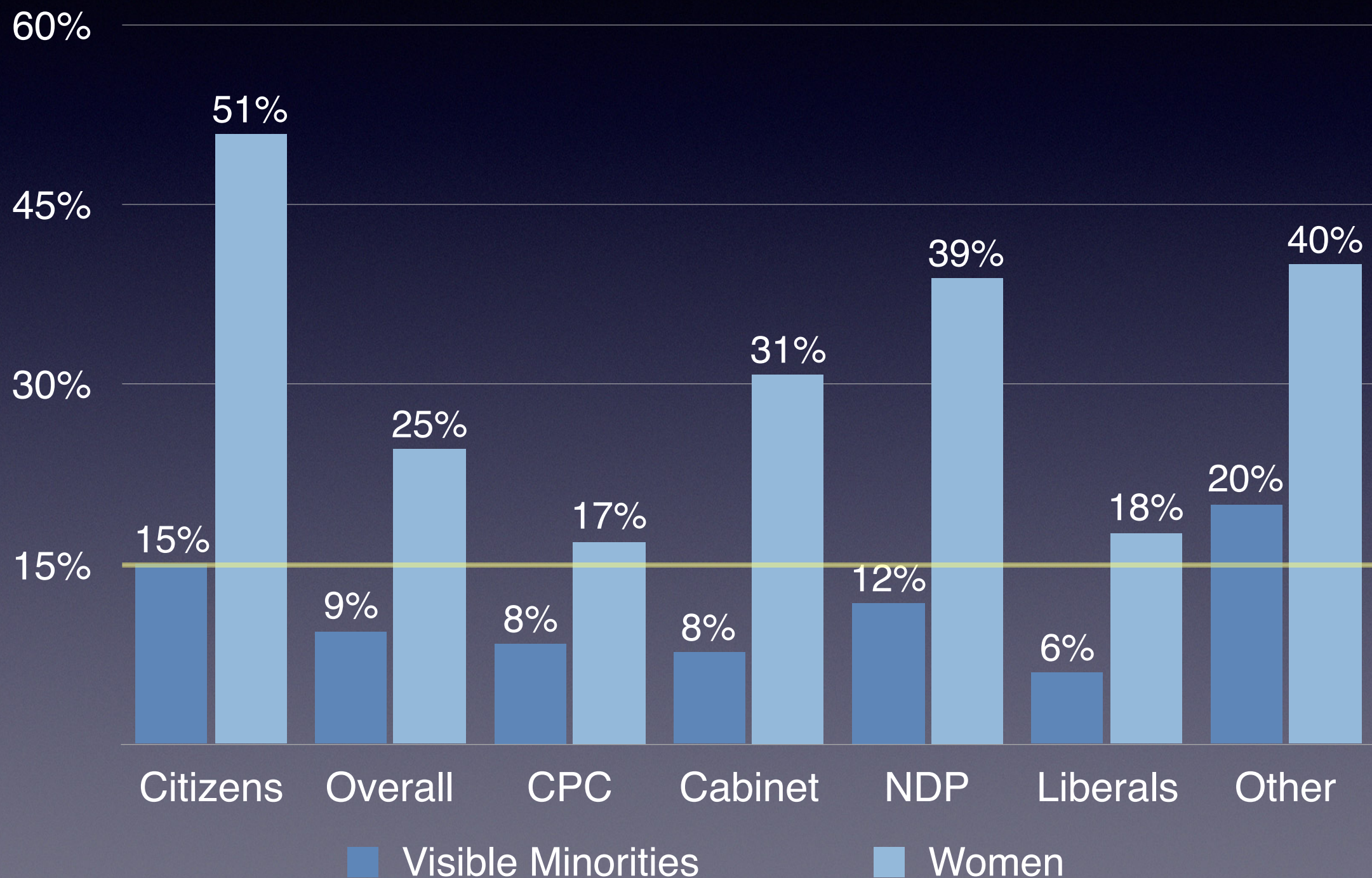
Visible Minority Candidates

Gender and Party, 33 Visible *Majority* Ridings

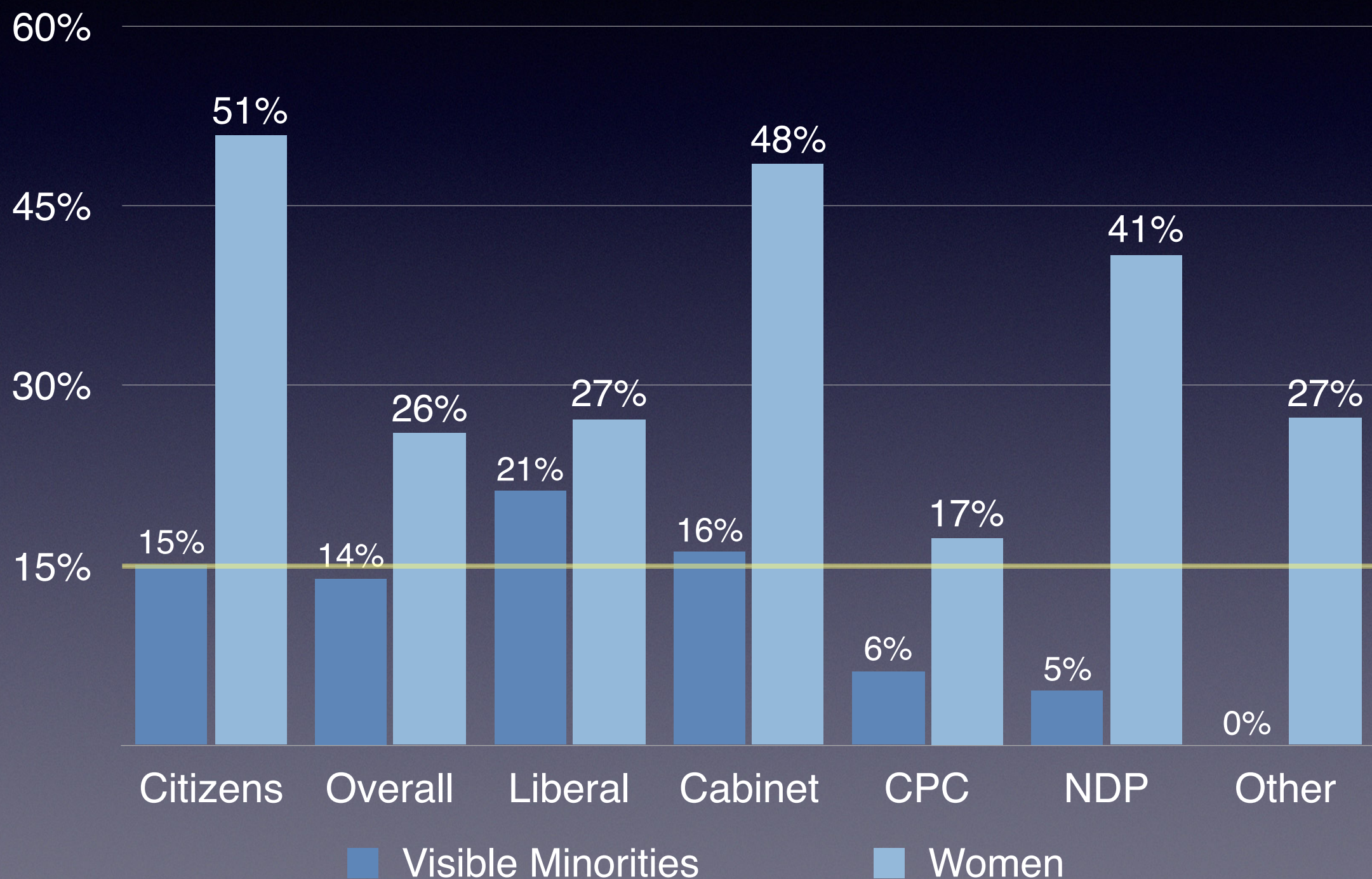
VISIBLE MINORITY CANDIDATES BY GENDER IN 33 RIDINGS WITH OVER 50 % VISIBLE MINORITIES



2011 Elections

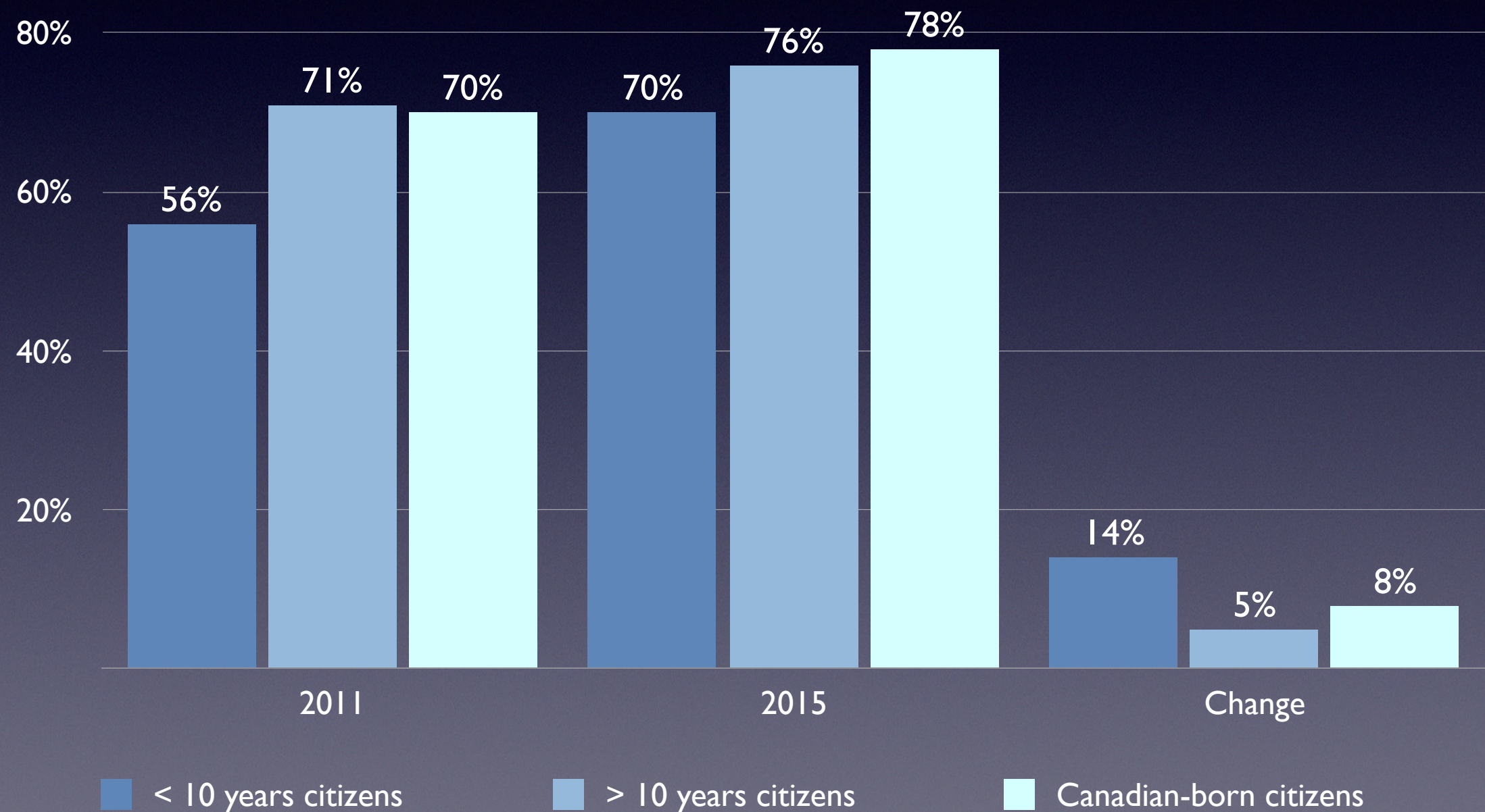


2015 Elections

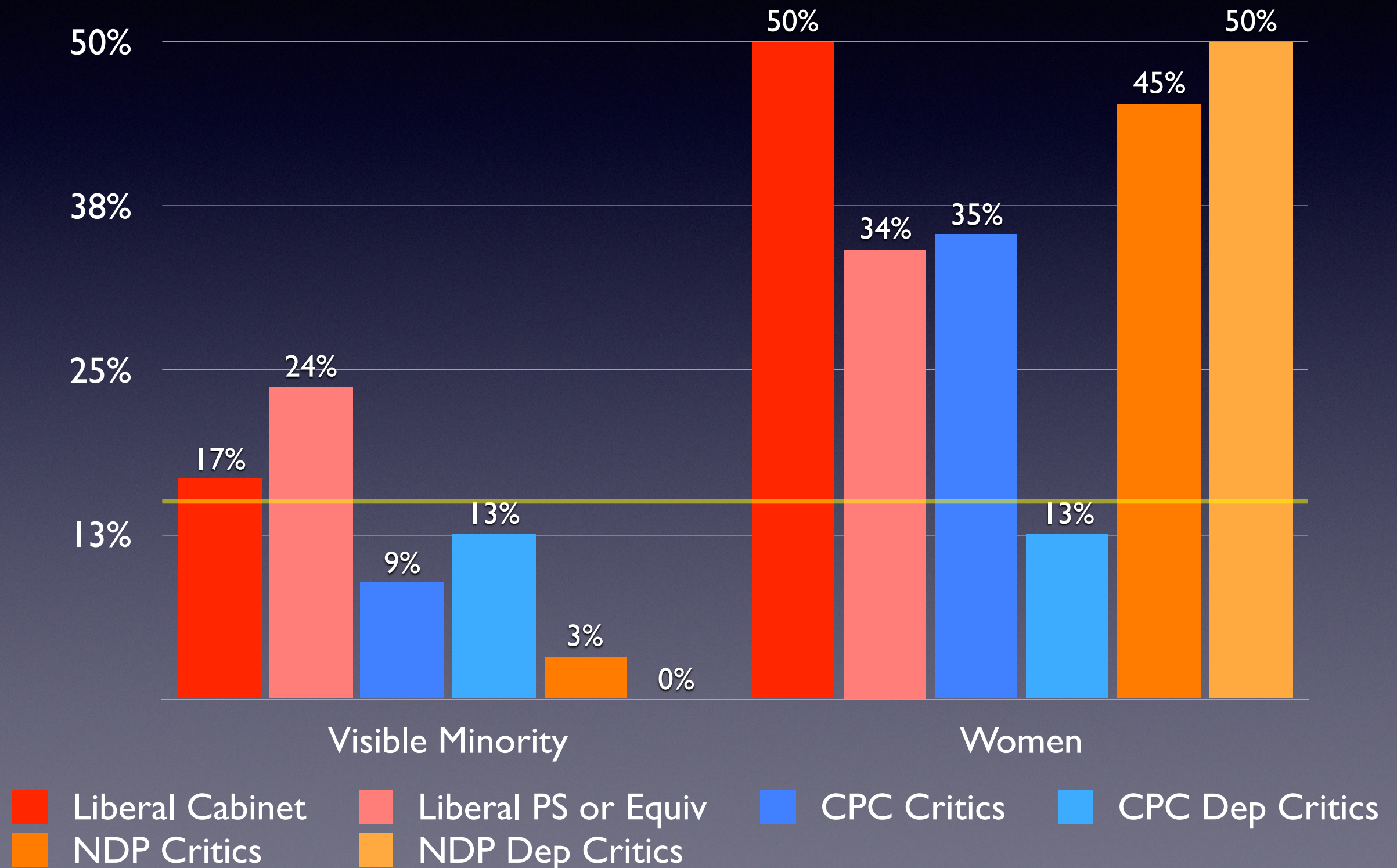


Voter Turnout

Comparing Immigrants to Canadian Born

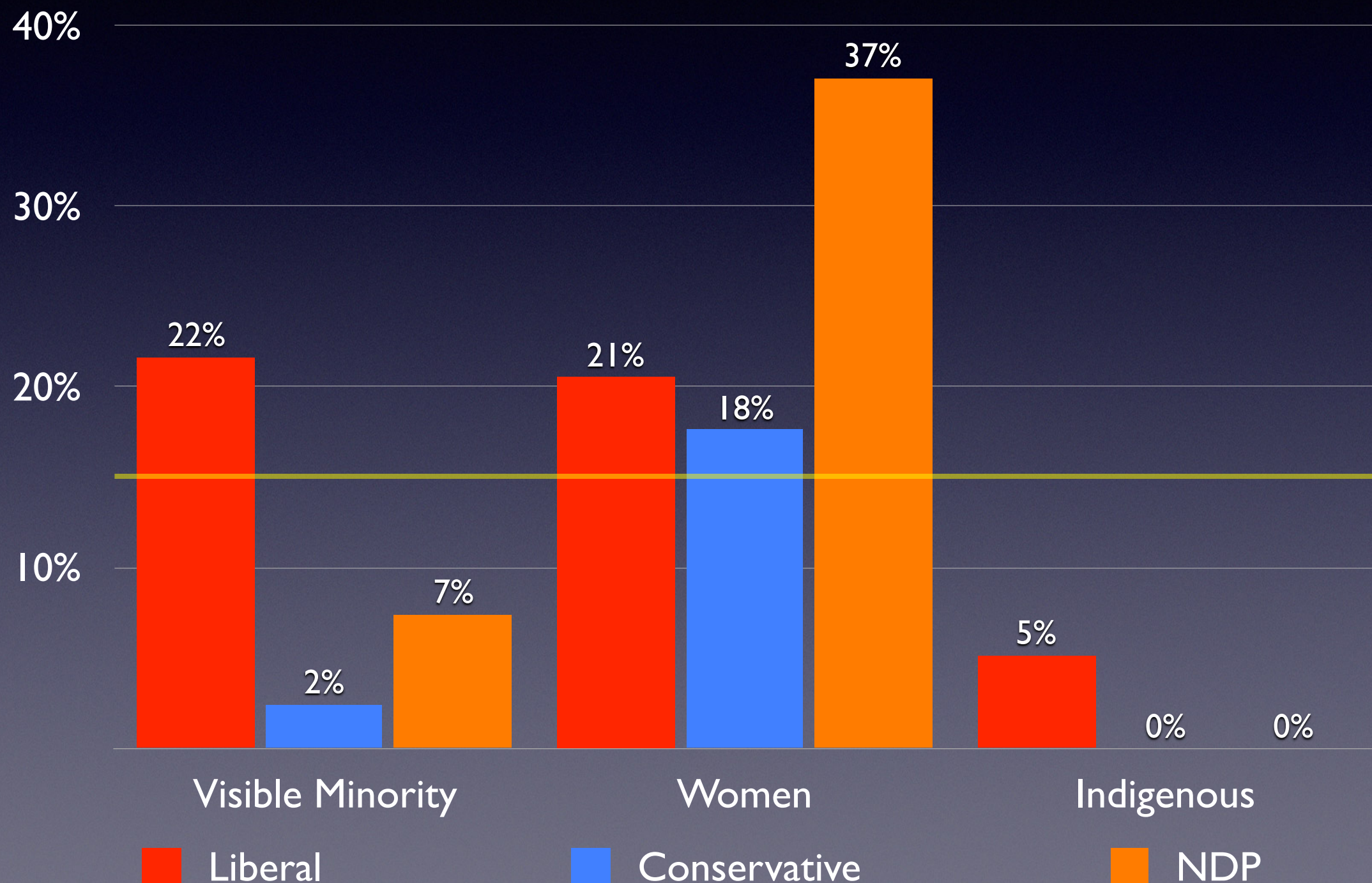


Cabinet and Critics



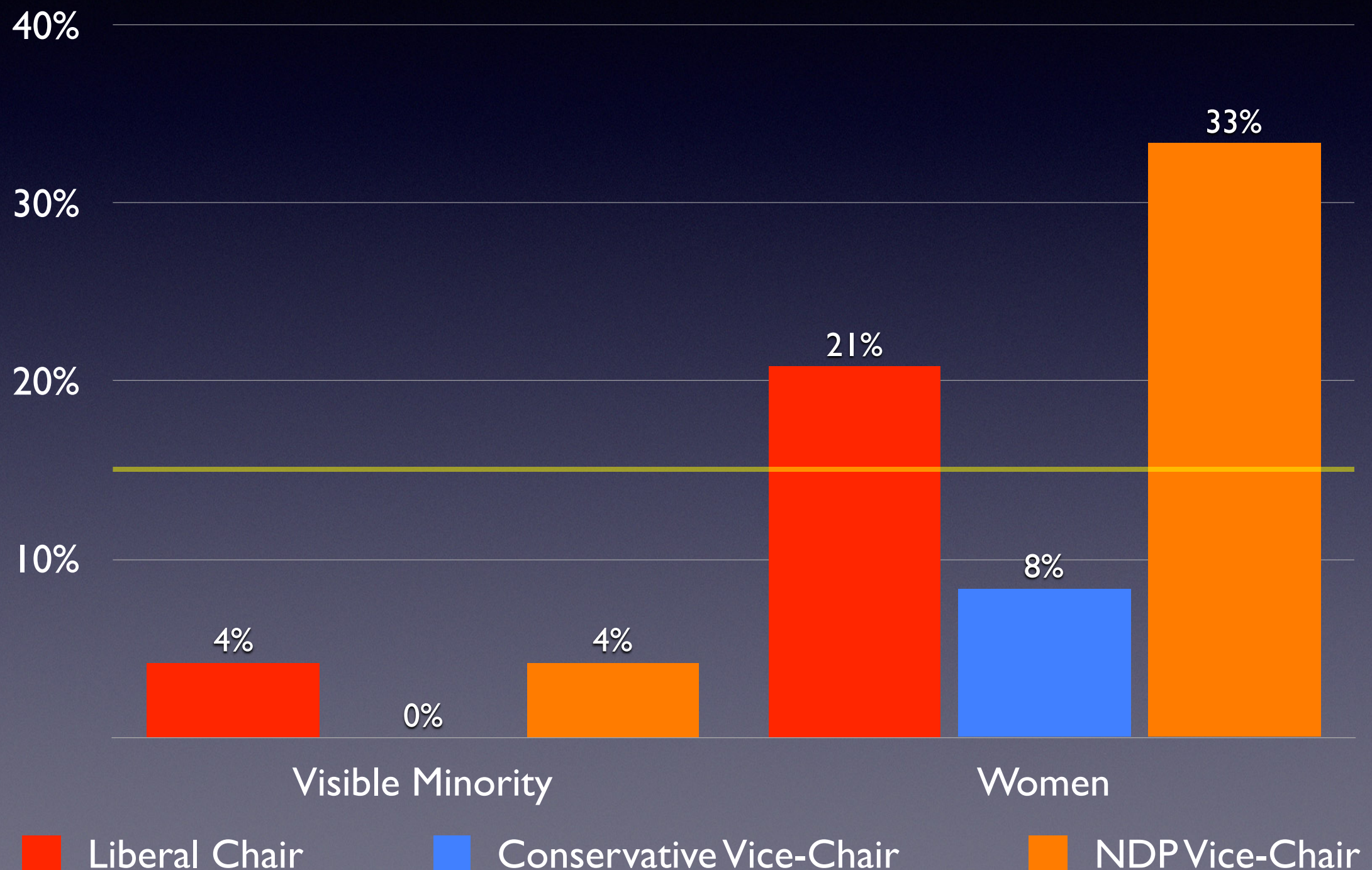
Parliamentary Committees

Membership 2016 as Share of Caucus



Committee Chairs 2016

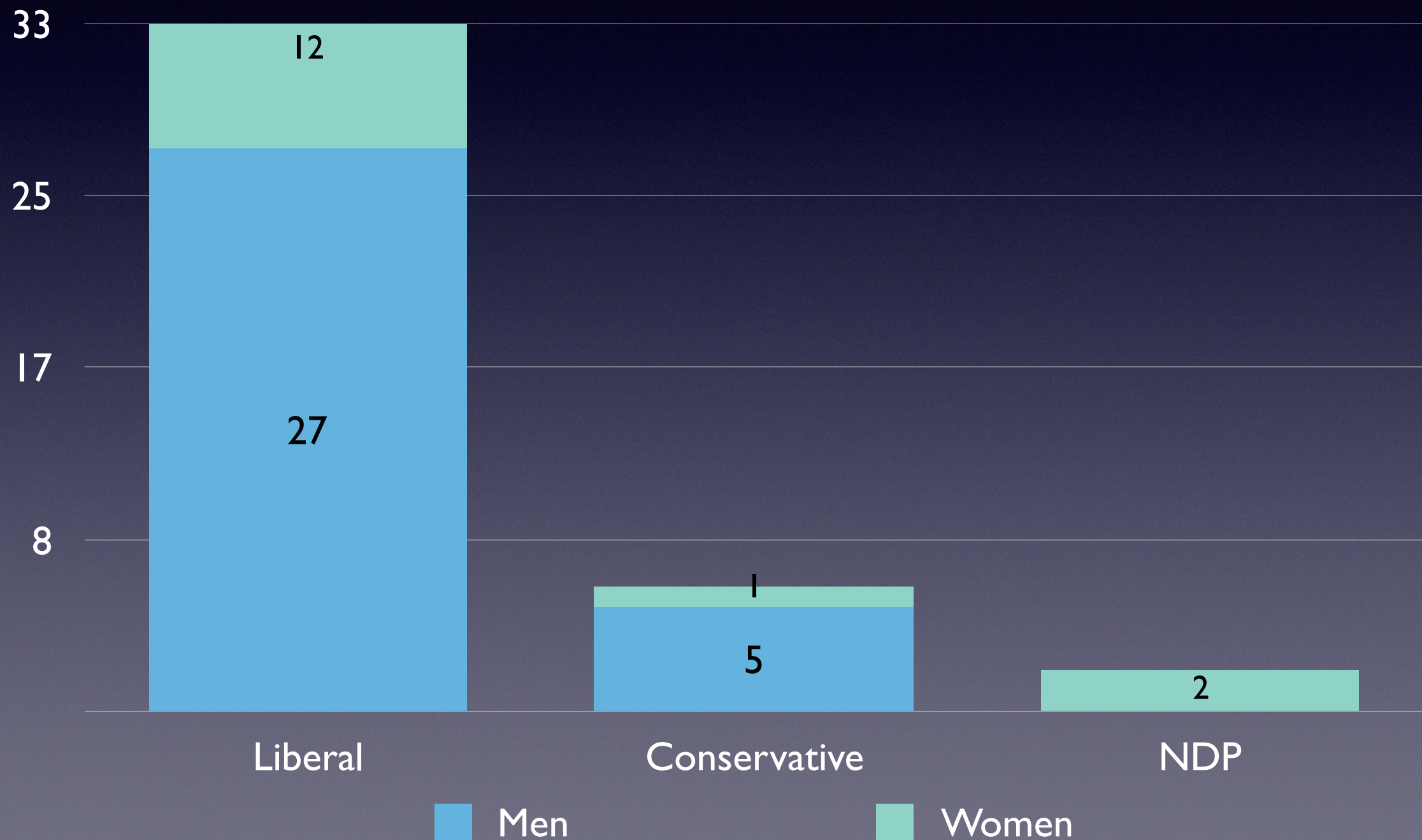
Liberal Only



Visible Minority MPs

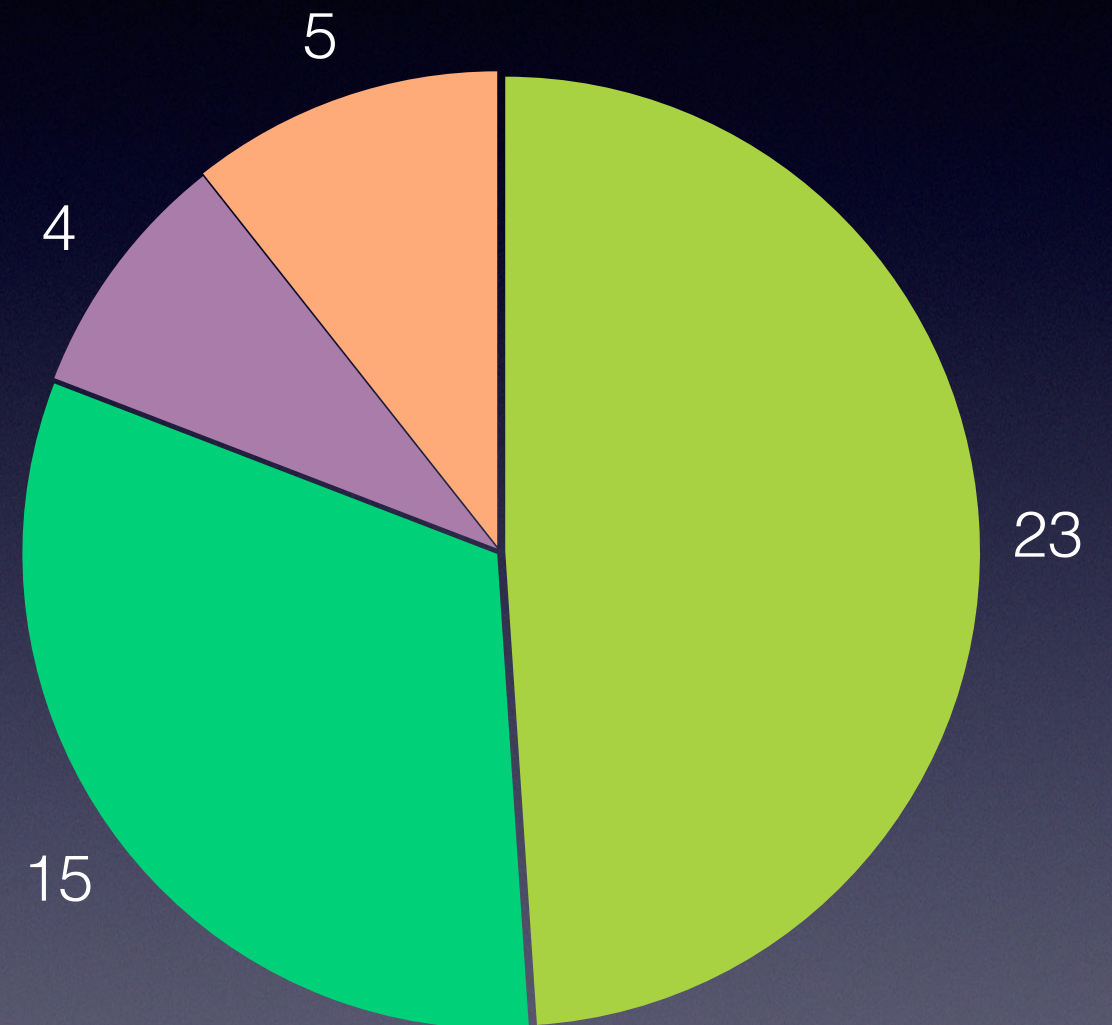
Gender and Party

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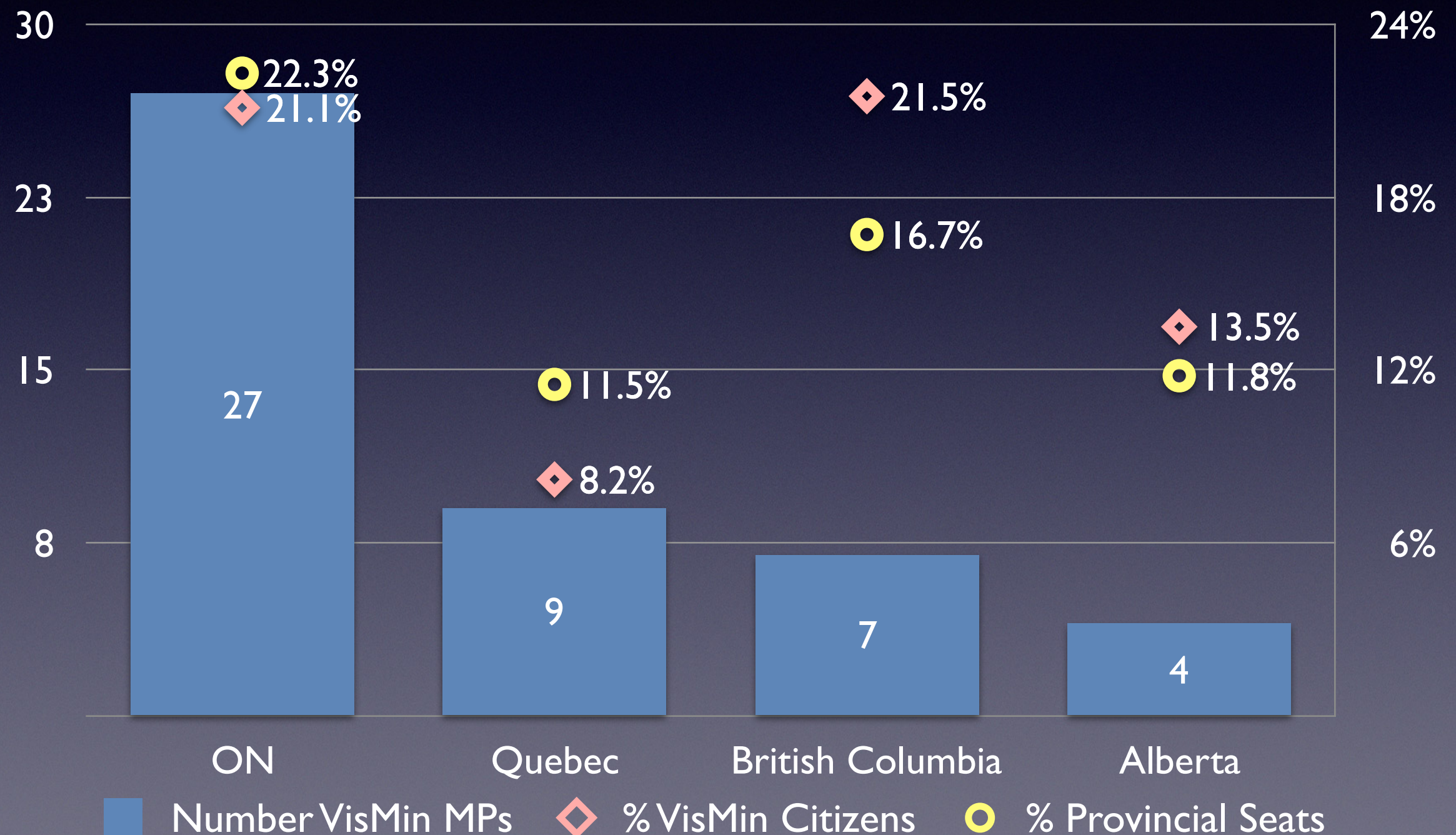
Riding Profiles

- Most VisMin MPs elected in ridings with majority or large number of VisMin citizens
- 20 % elected in ridings where VisMin numbers are small



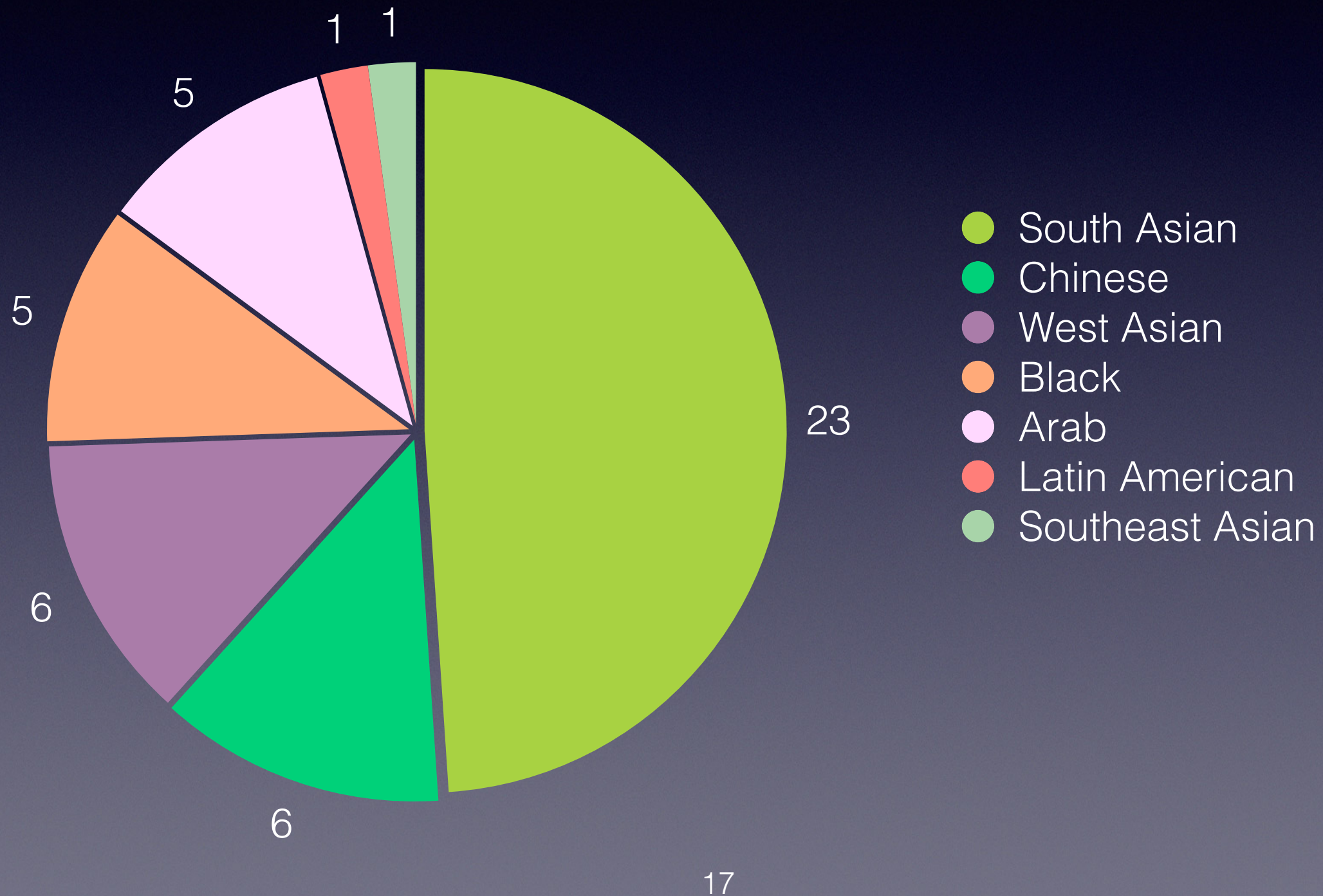
- Visible Majority Ridings
- 20-50 % VisMin
- 5-20 % VisMin
- ≤ 5 % VisMin

Visible Minority MPs by Province



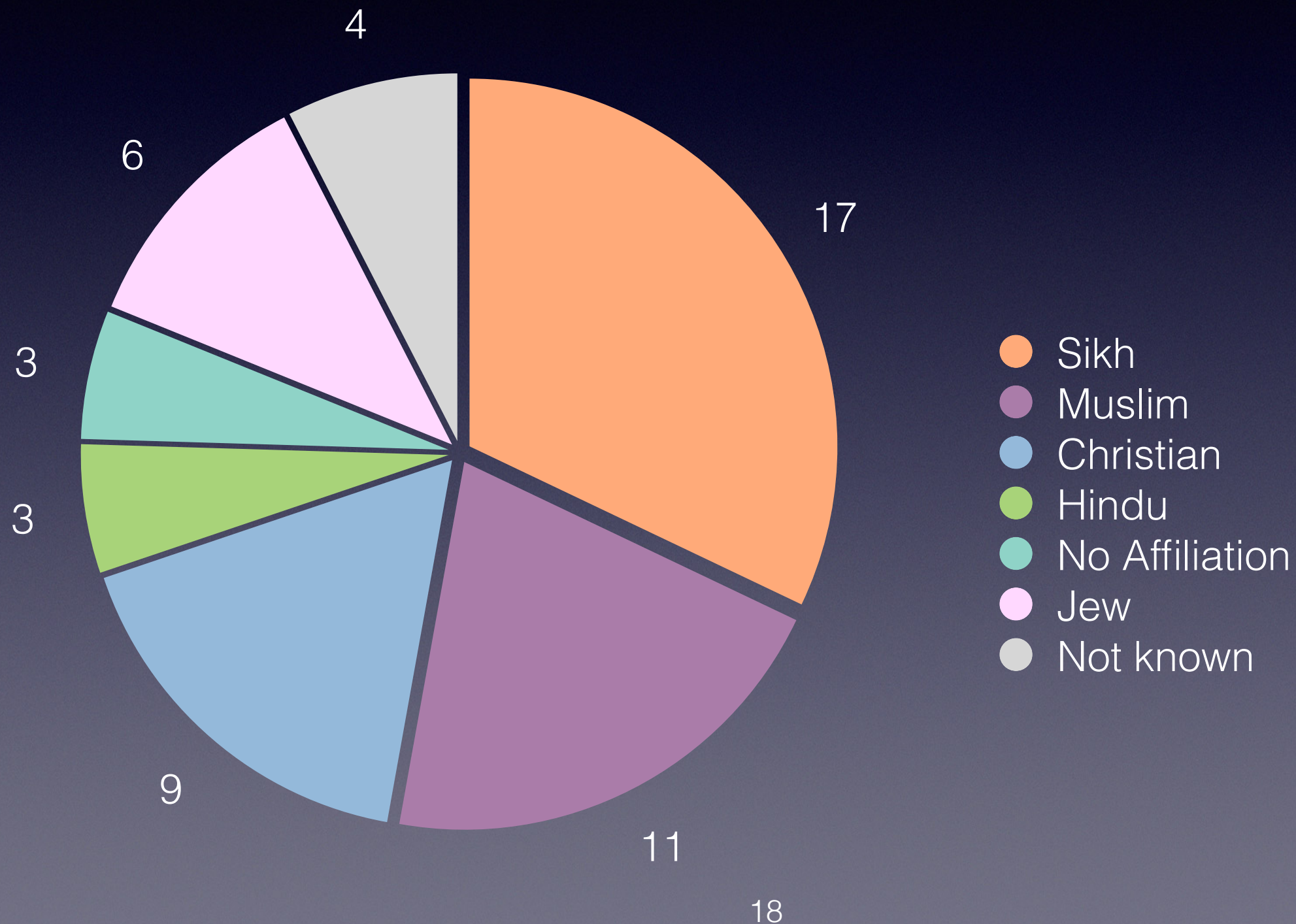
Visible Minority MPs

Representation by Ethnic Group



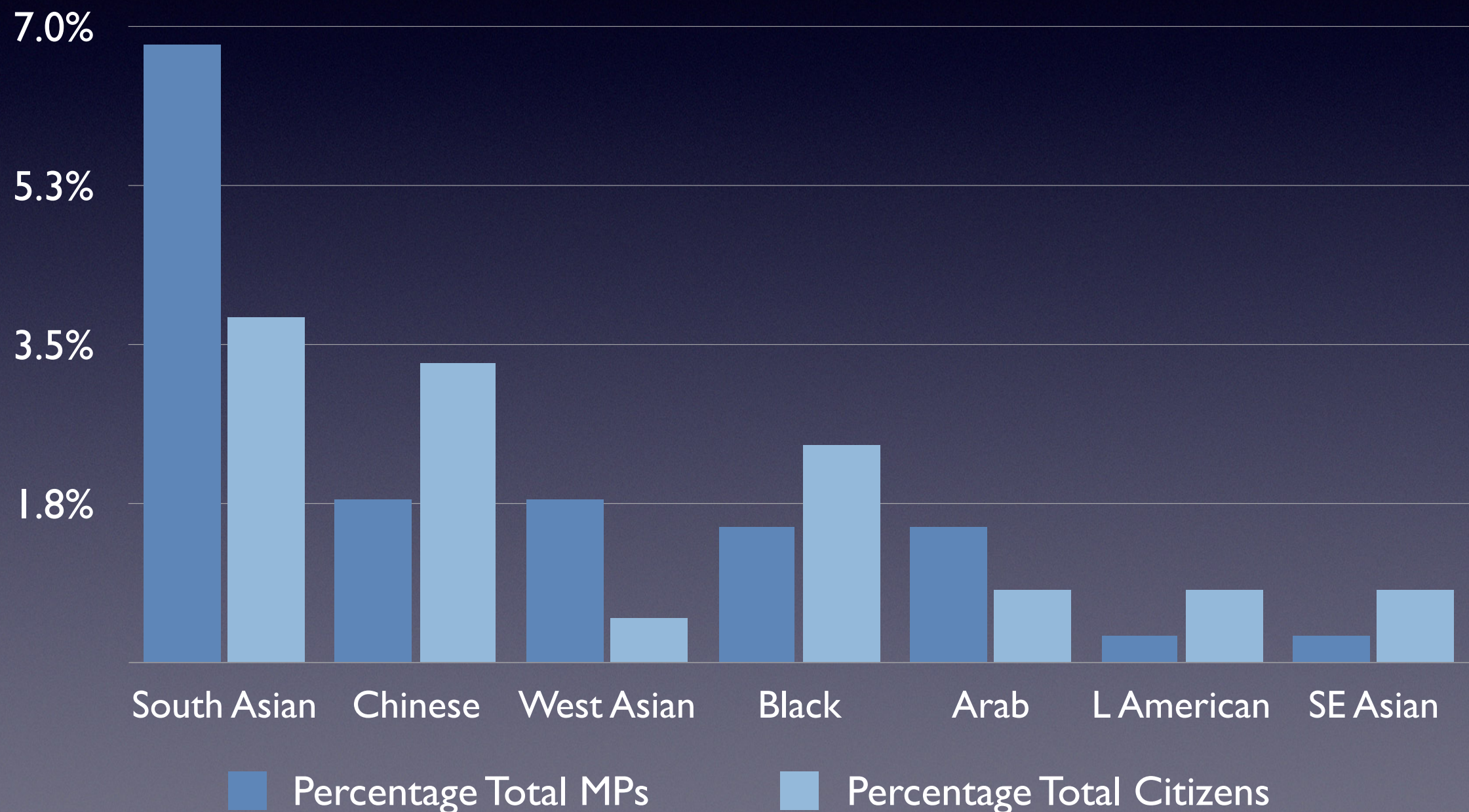
Visible Minority MPs

Representation by Religion plus Jewish MPs



Over/Under Representation

Compared to Visible Minority Citizens



33 Visible *Majority* Ridings

- 23 Ontario, 8 BC, 1 Alberta, 1 Quebec
- Two-thirds of candidates (68) and elected MPs (23) visible minority
- 48 percent MPs visible minority men, 21 percent vismin women
- Liberals won all but three (two Conservative, one NDP)
- Popular vote 52.3% Liberal compared to overall 39.5% — majority, not plurality
- 20% gap with Conservatives. 31.6% share, identical to national
- NDP did less well (15.9%) compared to their overall 19.7%

Cabinet

- Gender parity (15 men, 15 women, plus PM)
 - But all 5 supporting ministers, 1 of whom visible minority
- 5 Visible Minority Ministers
 - 3 men, 2 women
 - 3 foreign-born
 - 4 Sikh, 1 Muslim
- 2 Aboriginal (1 woman, 1 man)
- 2 Persons with Disabilities (1 woman, 1 man)
- Diversity and Inclusion committee

Parliamentary Secretaries, Other

- 35, of which 12 women (34 percent)
- 8 visible minority (23 percent)
 - 6 men, 3 women
 - 6 foreign-born
 - 3 Black, 3 South Asian (2 Sikh), 1 Chinese, 1 Arab, 1 Latin American
- 1 Aboriginal woman
- Other
 - Government whips, gender parity but no visible minority
 - House leaders, 2 men, 1 visible minority (Chinese)

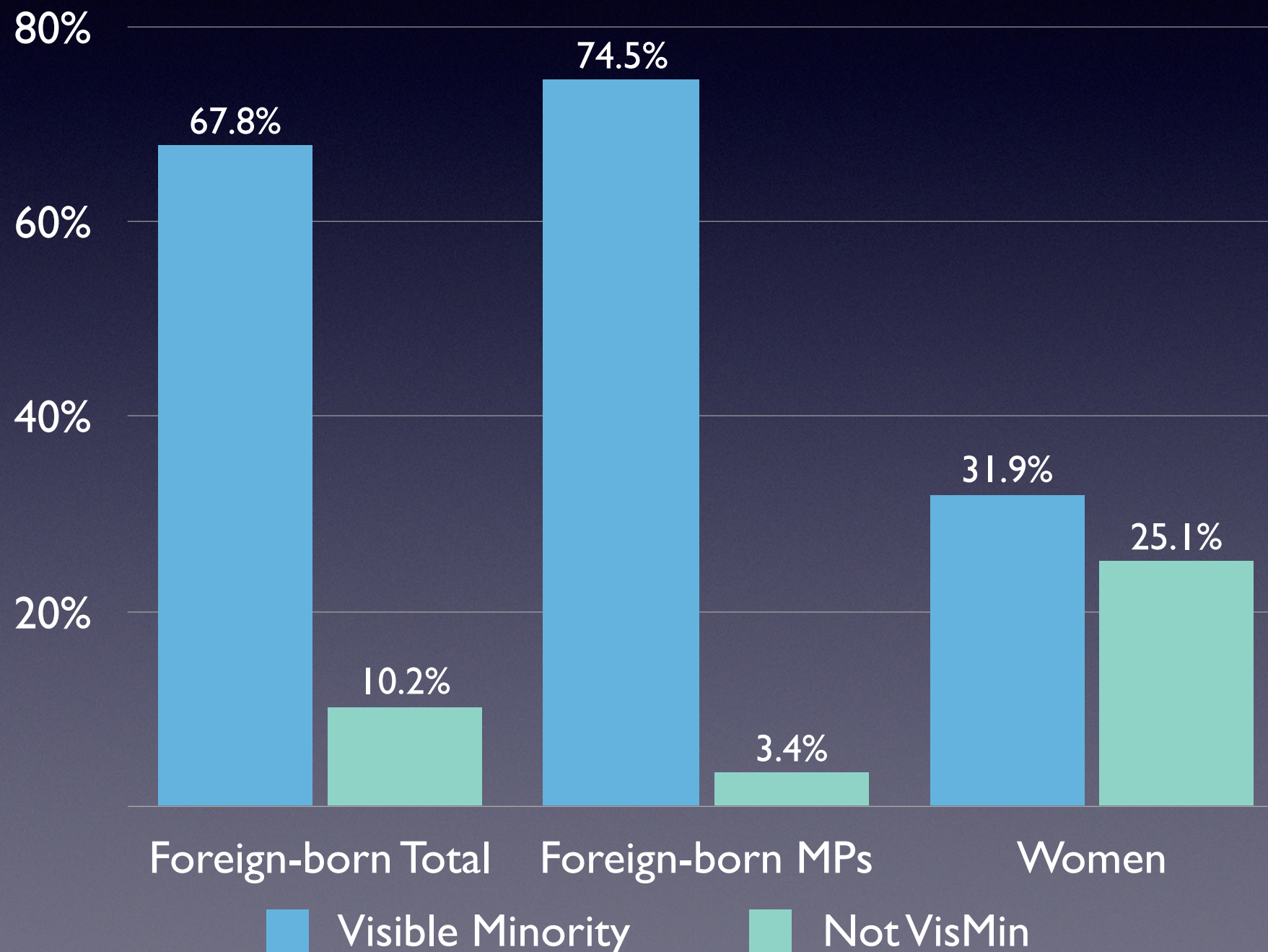
Aboriginal Peoples

- 54 Aboriginal candidates (5.3 %)
- 10 elected MPs (3.0 %), up from 7 (2.3 %), compared to 4 % of the population
- 8 Liberal, 2 NDP
- Increase in Aboriginal vote

MP Comparison

Visible Minority and Not VisMin

VISIBLE MINORITY CANDIDATES BY GENDER IN 33 RIDINGS WITH OVER 50 % VISIBLE MINORITIES



Median age of
VisMin MPs 48
compared to 52
for all MPs

Conservative Values

- “New Canadians are naturally conservative in the way they live their lives: they are entrepreneurial; they have a remarkable work ethic; they are ... [an] aspirational class; they want stability; they are intolerant of crime and disorder; they have a profound devotion to family and tradition, including institutions of faith. That whole spectrum of values is conservative ...

Former Minister Jason Kenney, 16 June 2010

‘Big Shift’ - Not so fast

- Outreach — ‘showing up’ — not enough
- Policies matter: citizenship and immigration restrictions
- Wedge politics weaker than broader values
- Overall campaign message vs boutique politics

Conclusion

- All parties compete for ethnic votes
- Greater efforts to recruit visible minorities
- Visible minorities well-represented
- But variance among different groups
- Limits to identity/wedge politics

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