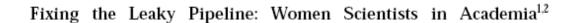
# Women in Science

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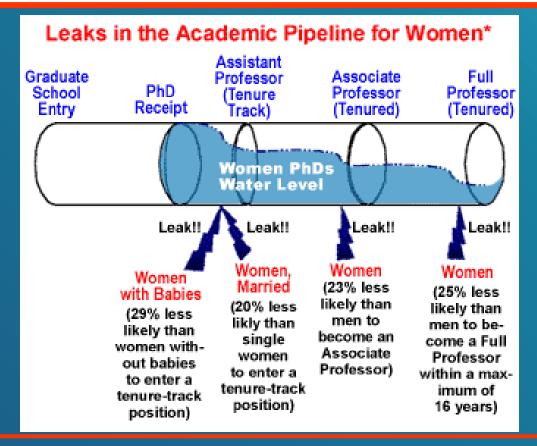
The most fundamental point is that we can't afford to underuse half of our human talent in this country





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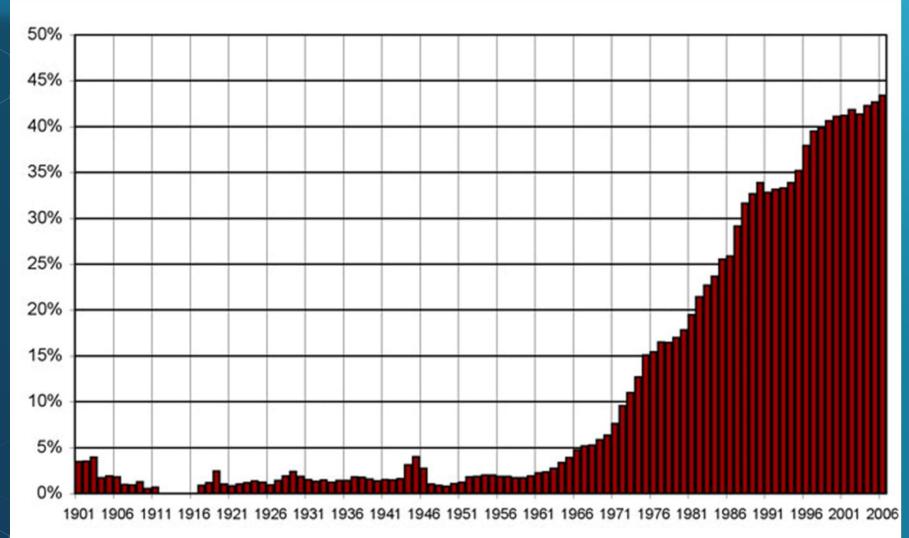
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Statistical information shows that at nearly every stage of an academic career – from securing a tenure track position to achieving associate and full professor status – <u>married</u> women (both with and without young children) leak out of the academic pipeline at a disproportionately high rate.



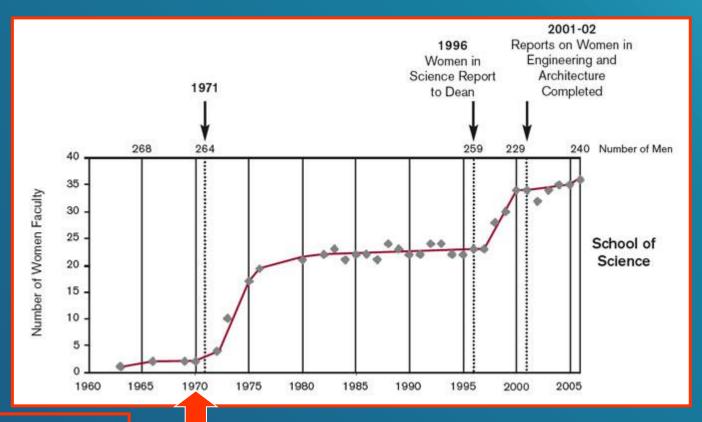
### The Percent of Female Undergraduates at MIT from 1901-2006





#### Is Action and Visibility improving the situation?

#### Number of Women Faculty in the MIT School of Science (1963-2006)



Civil Rights Act and affirmative action regulations



### Weizmann Institute of Science

**Basis for Action** 

A women scientist wants to be not only an excellent researcher, but also an excellent mother.



The Weizmann institute should be responsible for making both of these goals achievable

- Lecture on gender bias
- Women in science prize
- Day care access
- Nursing rooms
- Kids at work
- Timing of department seminars
- Travel with kids
- Post-docs programs
- Unconscious bias (הטייה בלתי מודעת)

- Israel National Postdoctoral Award Program for Advancing Women in Science
- Split postdocs



# Thank you

