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U.S. Representative of Ohio (1993–2009)

Special Exhibit: A Century of Women in Congress

Women in Congress

Representative Pryce explains why women need to be in Congress.
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A woman's perspective is, should always be valued no matter what committee it is because, you know, it's 51 percent of the population. If we want to be a representative body we need to represent people and you, you, you don't always get complete representation if you don't have diversity, and in terms of, of race and gender and, and all the other things that we consider now that we wouldn't even have thought of back then in terms of, of diversity. So it's, it's, it's very important because it's not that women are different in any, you know, articulable way, it's just that they're not men and maybe we think different, or maybe we act different, or maybe we have different life's experiences. But whatever it is we are different and we have much to bring to the table. I, I'm not a student of diversity, but all I know is harkening back to the story of when I tried to get the men to agree to something and I tried to get the women to agree to something and the women did it a lot more efficiently and with a lot less talk and a lot less—well, just more efficiently.