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Women Must Be Prepared

Representative Saiki reflects on expectations for women Members of Congress.
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You better do your homework and you'd better know the answers to all the questions that might be asked. Not the ones that are asked, but also the ones that might be asked because you are, you are expected to be very knowledgeable. Women—people expect more from women than men. And I think that's true even till today. But in, in the Congress especially, I mean God, if you didn't do your homework, you're not going to get anywhere. There's no question about that.