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Integration of women politicians into governmental structures is of great importance in the United States. Their representation in various public agencies has been increasing during the recent years. However, D. Trump's victory in the 2016 elections has provoked a renewal of interest to that issue in the U.S. political discourse, which has been exploited by partisan elites especially in the Democratic party. The present survey deals with the women politicians specializing in foreign policy matters, particularly those who are working at the relevant committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate. The author observes reasons for the women's political activism and analyses effectiveness of their participation in policy-making decisions in the case of U.S. legislative branch as well as think tanks' activities.

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