

Gender Issues in Elections and Taiwan's Policy Solutions in Practice

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Promoting Women's Participation in Elections

CEC follows the Guidance of

- ▶ The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
- ▶ Constitution of the ROC (Taiwan)
- ▶ Local Government Act

The Constitution of the ROC (Taiwan)

- ▶ All citizens, irrespective of sex, shall be equal and have the same rights of election and in the various kinds of elections, the number of women to be elected shall be fixed, and measures pertaining thereto shall be prescribed by law.

First Female President in Taiwan



President Tsai Ing-wen

The New York Times :
*“Presidential Race in Taiwan
Reflects Women’s Rise in Politics”*

*BBC : “Taiwan, the
place to be a
woman in politics”*



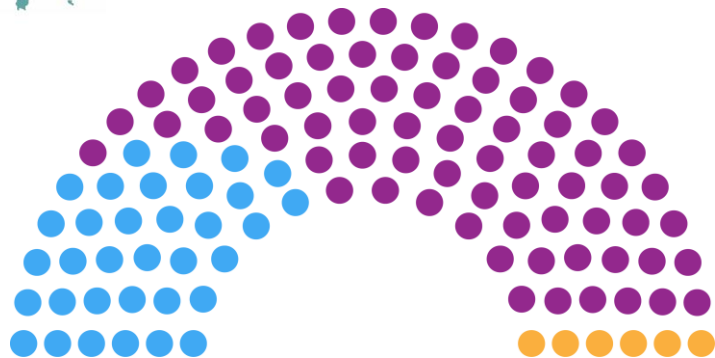
Gender Quotas for Women in Taiwan's National Legislature

- 2005 Constitutional Amendment introduces a mixed-member electoral system and changes the gender quotas for women in the national legislature.



Legislative Yuan

113 Seats



73 **District Legislators**
Single-Member Districts
First Past the Post

6 **Indigenous Legislators**
Single Non-Transferable Voting System

34 **Legislators at large**
Party-List Proportional Voting System ;
at least 5% of the total valid vote.



50% of PR elected members ought to be women

Gender Quotas for Women in Local Councils

- ▶ Local Government Act stipulates that one out of every four seats should be for women.
- ▶ About 25% of seats in local councils are reserved for women.

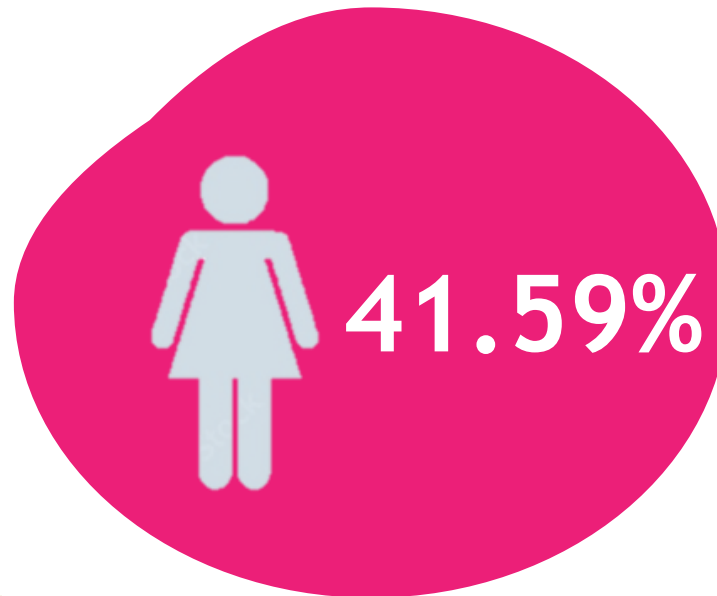
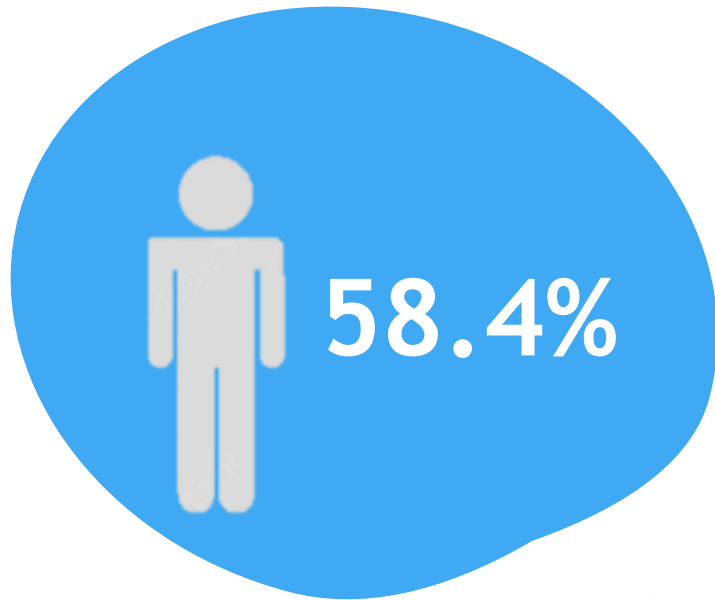
Gender in Elections

Female Share Seats

2020 Legislators Election

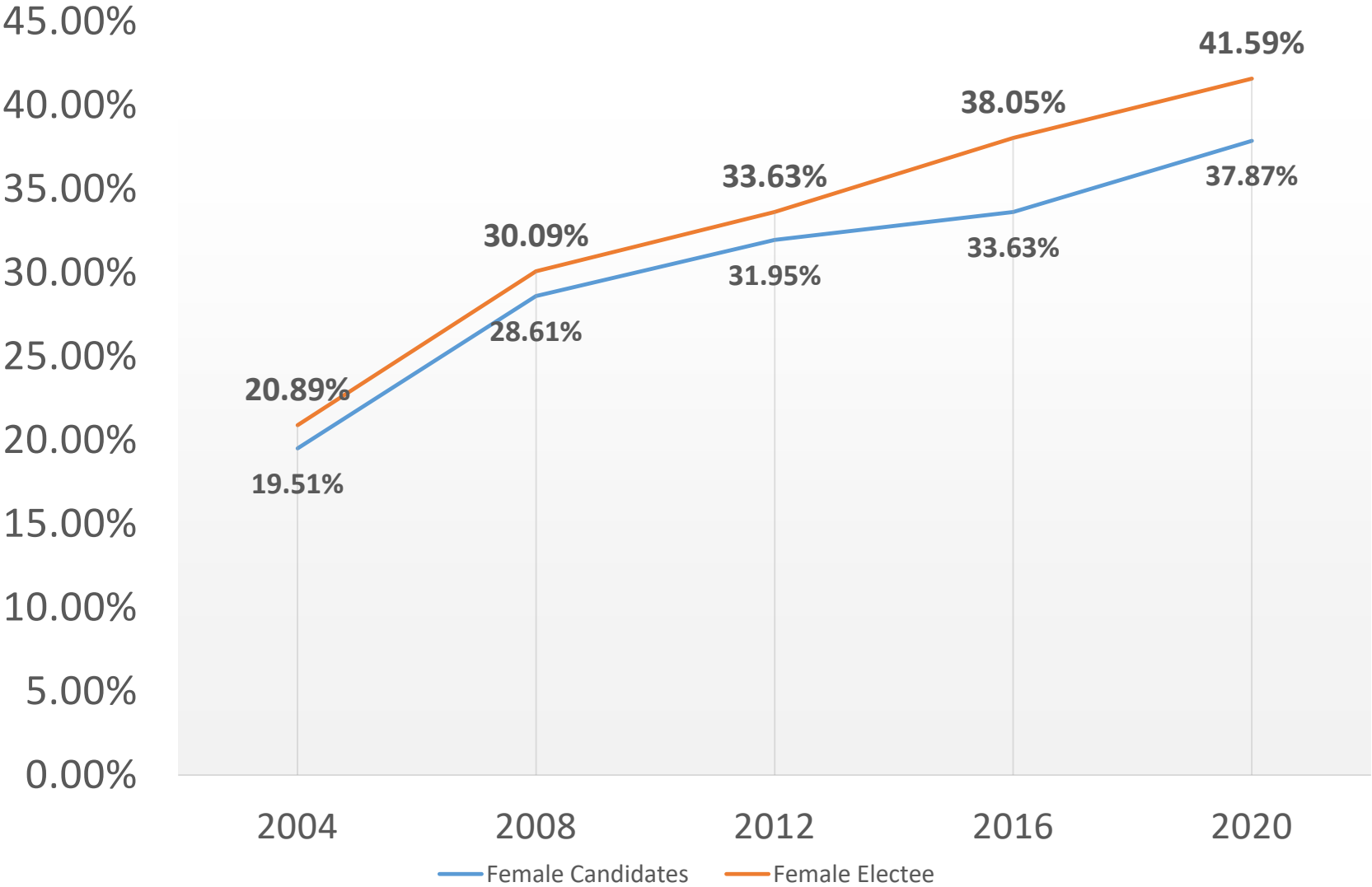
66 Male Elects

47 Female Elects



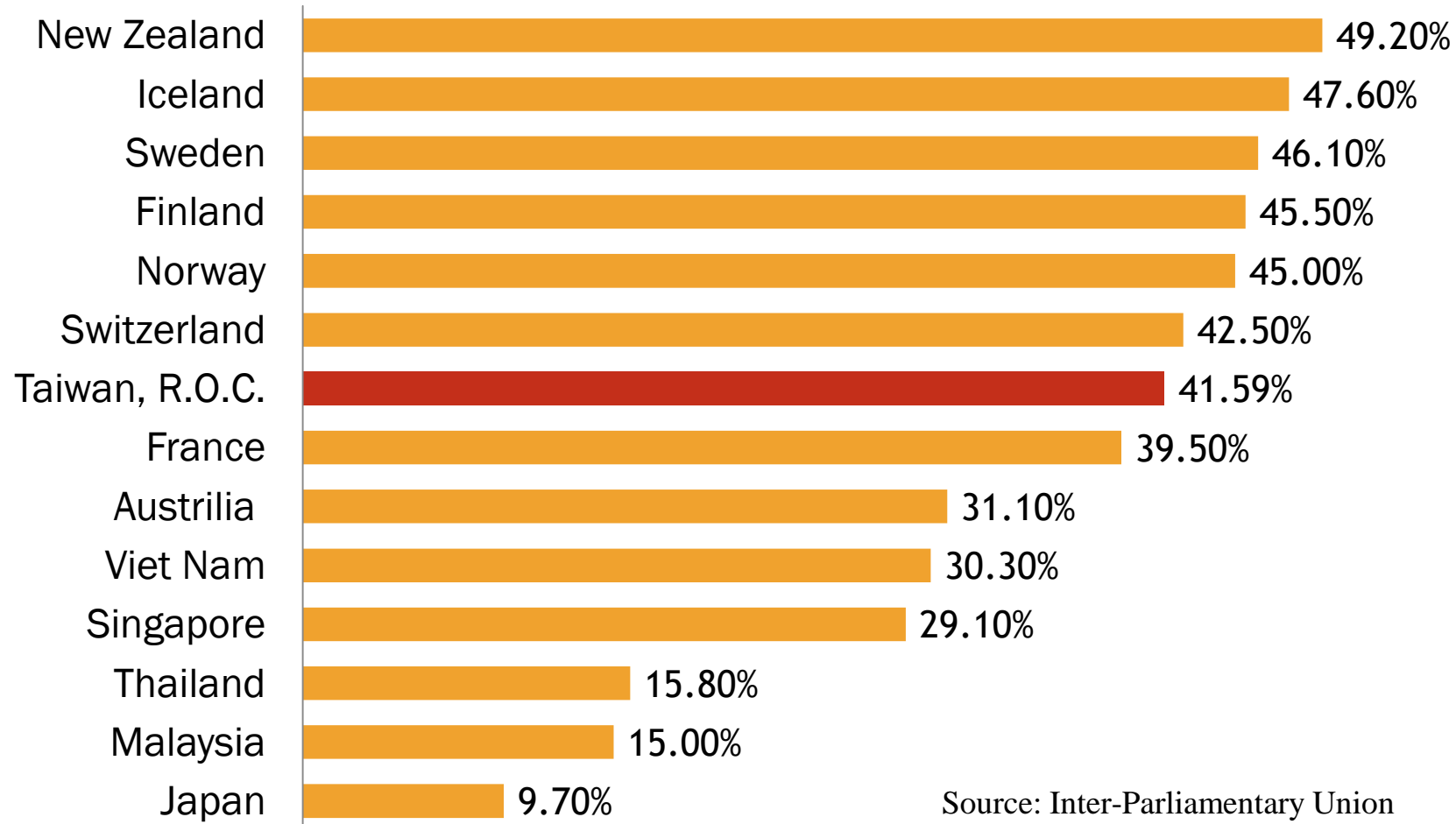
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Women's Representation in the Legislative Yuan



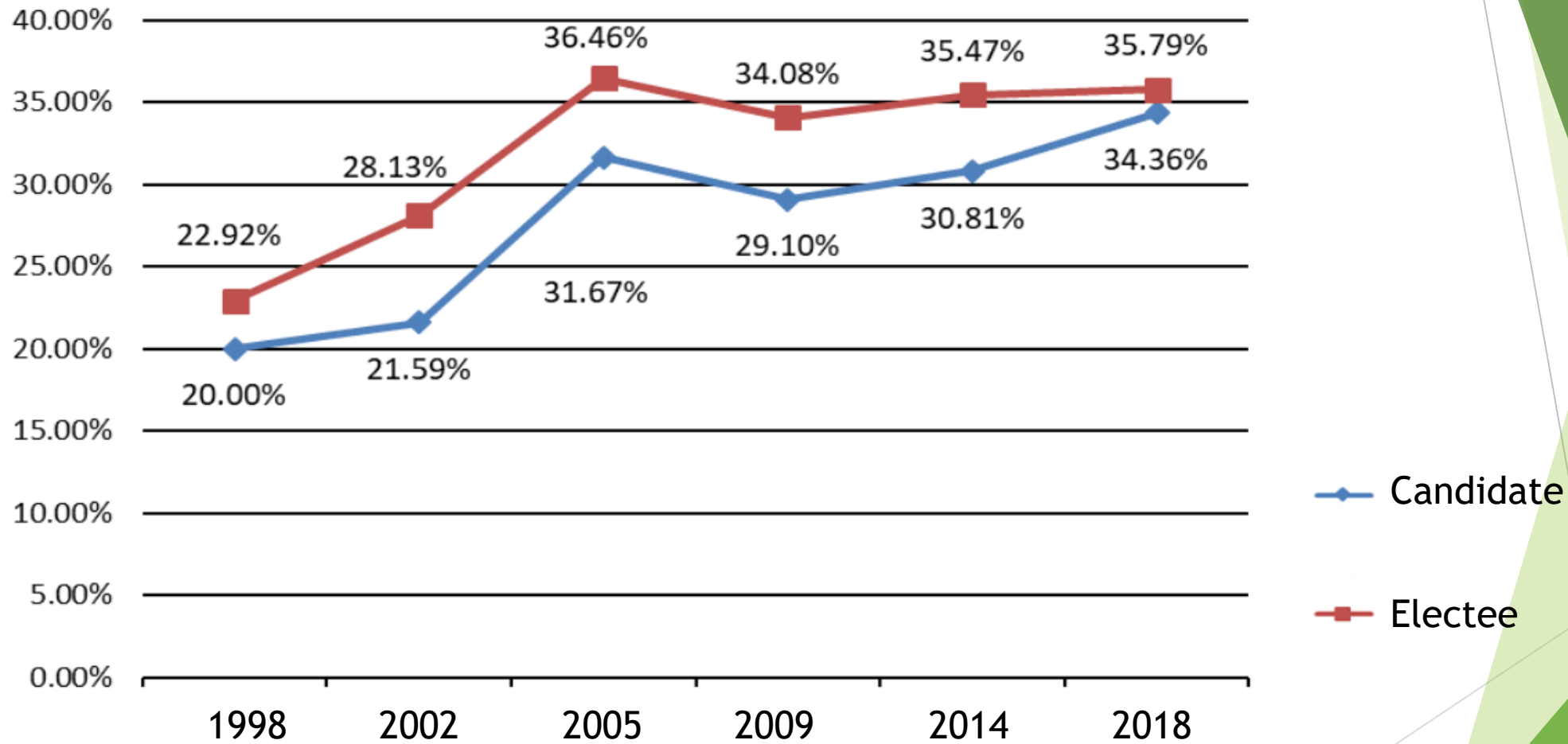
Ranking of Women's Proportion in National Parliaments

As of March 2022



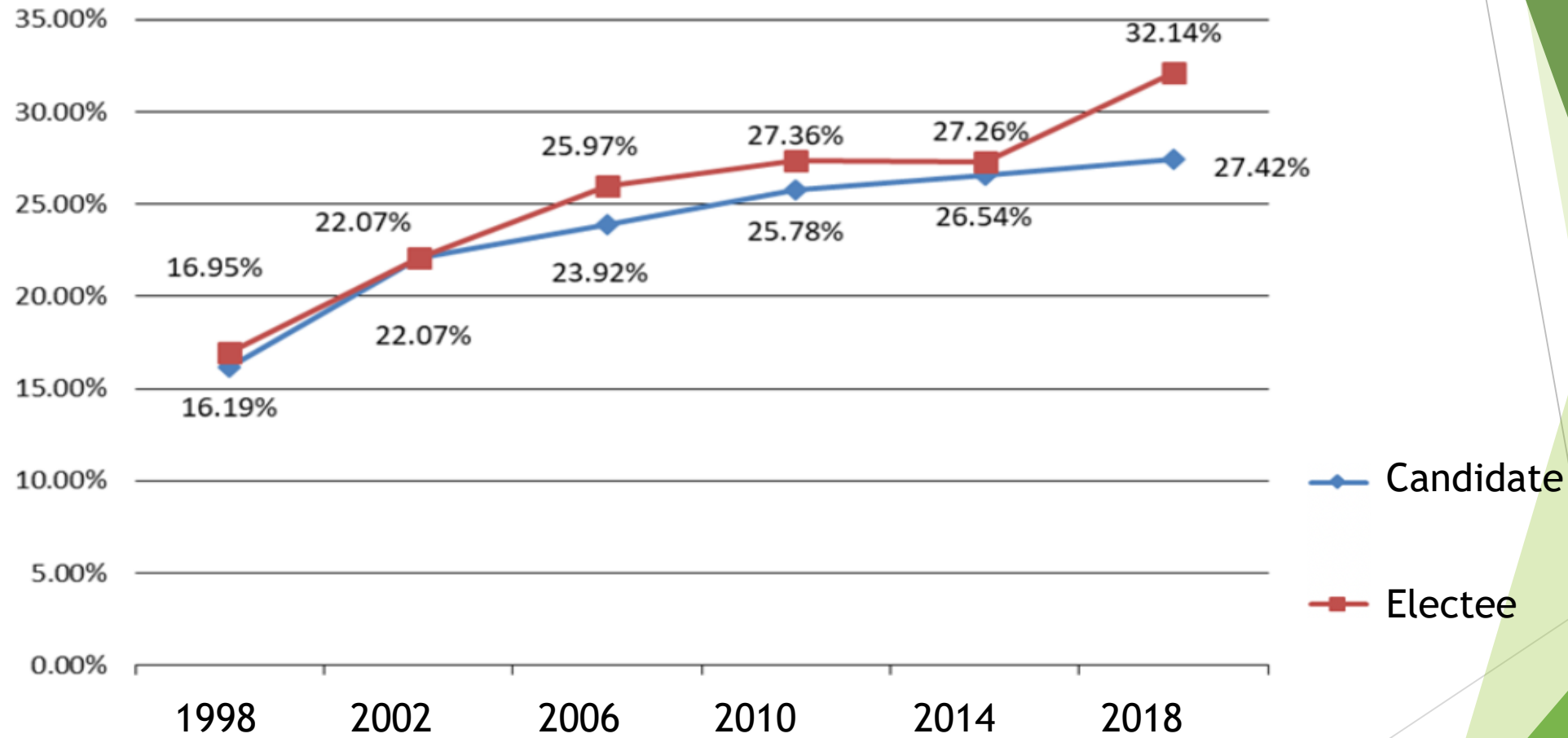
Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

Women's Representation in Municipal Councils



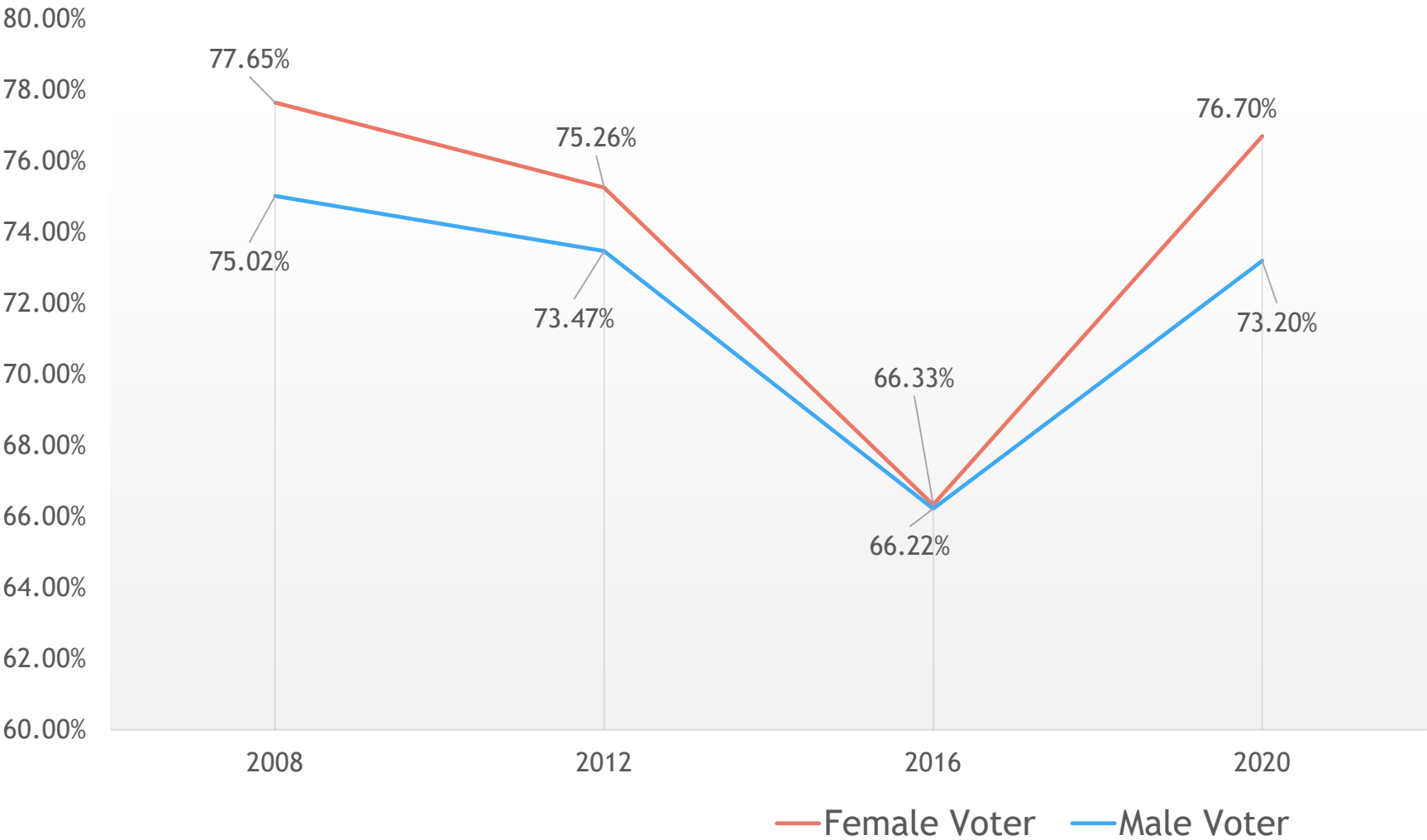
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Women's Representation in City/County Council



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Voter Turnout by Gender in Presidential Elections



Promoting Gender equality in Elections

- ◆ Amend laws to increase women quota from one quarter to one third and move from women quota system to gender neutral quota system
- ◆ Encourage political parties to adopt gender quotas system for women in nominating its candidates

◆ Building a gender friendly polling environment

Kids under the age of 6 years are allowed to enter voting booth with their parents or caregivers



Source: ETToday

Closing

- ▶ The proportion of Women-Elected doubled in Twenty Years
- ▶ Women's turnout is higher than Men's in recent years
- ▶ Taiwan has the highest proportion of women in parliament in Asia.

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