Fifty percent of the population is female, therefore they should be represented by an equal proportion of MPs in parliament. If it were the other way round and on a governing body (which represented the general population) women outnumbered men by over 2 to 1, it would not be tolerated. It is not appropriate or fair that a male-dominated parliament should be able to pass laws or implement policies which adversely affect women more than men eg the current austerity package. Such a parliament should certainly not be involved in legislation which deals entirely with women eg abortion. The presence of an equal number of women MPs would provide a balance which is sorely needed.

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