The majority of Arab citizens are amenable to seeing more women in political leadership positions. Nevertheless, there are persistent barriers and bias preventing Arab women from reaching these positions.

Although the majority of citizens in the Arab world think a woman can be head of state, most believe that men are more capable political leaders than women.

The gender gap in terms of lack of interest in politics could further hinder women’s political participation.

The share of women who believe that men are better political leaders than women is higher than the share of women who believe that women can become president/prime minister of a Muslim country.

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