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Addressing global variations in policies to promote the political presence of women and minorities, this paper elaborates a theoretical framework focused on citizenship models, framing strategies, and path dependence to explain the relationship between representational guarantees made to different groups. Applied to debates and policy developments in France and the United Kingdom, the analysis illustrates how prevailing norms of citizenship have shaped campaigns for political inclusion, in combination with the more contingent actions of advocates and opponents, to result in solutions for women that have not been extended to racial and ethnic minorities. The paper concludes with insights these comparisons provide for understanding trends elsewhere in terms of the provisions made to different identity groups in candidate selection processes.

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