## **Gender gap in public policy**

## ***Mind the (Gender) Gap Instructions***

## I use Turning Point ‘s Power Point clicker polling functionality to complete this exercise. It could be done with an app like Poll Anywhere, but I forbid all cell phone use in my classes. I do the polling in three rounds: all students, students who primarily identify as female, and students who primarily identify as male. The disadvantage to clickers is that one cannot separate responses by gender, so each question has to be polled three times, which is why the Power Point contains each question three times and a slide for the comparison results.

I use clickers often, and students are used to being able to immediately see their results. However, that would defeat the purpose of the exercise in this case, so I mute the projector while we poll the questions. I print the questions/answer choices (below) so that the students can follow along as we poll the questions. I poll every question, then unmute the projector and display/discuss the results. It’s a bit unwieldy, but it works.

I display and discuss these instructions before muting the projector:

## This will be a little different than our typical clicker exercises…

### We’re going to do each question in 3 rounds & you WILL NOT be able to see the results until all rounds are complete.

### In alphabetical order:

#### Round 1: everyone’s round

#### Round 2: if you primarily identify as female, this is your round

#### Round 3: if you primarily identify as male, this is your round

### Only vote in the first round and in YOUR round, please

# Politically, would you say you are:

# Right

# Center-right

# Center

# Center-left

# Left

# Unsure

# Are you in favor of the death penalty for a person convicted of murder?

# Yes

# No

# No opinion

# Government does \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for wealthy people.

# Not enough

# Too much

# Right amount

# Not sure

# In general, do you think the courts deal too harshly or not harshly enough with criminals?

# Too harshly

# About right

# Not harsh enough

# Government should invest in/promote the use of nuclear power to address the energy supply.

# Yes

# No

# Government does \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for poor people.

# Not enough

# Too much

# Right amount

# Not sure

# The main emphasis of prisons should be:

# Punishment

# Protection of society

# Rehabilitation

# Not sure

# Government does \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the elderly.

# Not enough

# Too much

# Right amount

# Not sure

# The best way to ensure peace is through:

# Good diplomacy

# Military strength

# Neither

# Both

# Unsure

# Abortion should be legal in all/most cases

# Yes

# No

# Government does \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for children.

# Not enough

# Too much

# Right amount

# Not sure

# Favor allowing gays/lesbians to marry legally.

# Yes

# No