

## Preface

The rise of more egalitarian attitudes towards the role of women and men, documented in this book, the transformation of lifestyles, families, the work place, and the public sphere, has been experienced as part of our lives during the last quarter century. Both of us started to explore these trends many years ago; an integral part of *The Silent Revolution* (1977) was concerned to explain the underlying causes of all the social movements and new politics fermenting among the younger generations in North America and Western Europe, including the rise of environmentalists, civil rights in America, the counter-culture community groups, and the second wave women's movement. A decade later, *Politics and Sexual Equality* (1987) took up the issues of how women's lives were being transformed in Western nations, and what caused the substantial disparities in economic resources and political power. Subsequent work by both of us has returned to these themes on many occasions, but given all the substantial political developments and social changes that have occurred during recent decades it seemed time for a more direct comparison of the state of gender equality around the world, both in terms of causes and consequences.

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For more information about the World Values Survey, see the WVS web sites <http://wvs.isr.umich.edu/> and <http://www.worldvaluessurvey.com>. The European surveys used here were gathered by the European Values Survey group (EVS). For detailed EVS findings, see Loek Halman, *The European Values Study: A Sourcebook Based on the 1999/2000 European Values Study Surveys*. Tilburg: EVS, Tilburg University Press, 2001. For more information, see the EVS website, <http://evs.kub.nl>. We thank Karen Long for assistance in cleaning and coding the WVS. We would also like to thank the panel discussants and colleagues who commented as draft papers were presented at professional meetings and seminars, including the International Political Science Association meeting in Quebec in 2000, the American Political Science Association annual meeting in 1998, the Gender, Politics and Society group at the Minda de Gunzberg Center for European Studies, and the Women and Public Policy Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government. Lastly this book would not have been possible without the encouragement and stimulation provided by many colleagues and students at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and the Department of Political Science and the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan.

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