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WASHINGTON'S 100 MOST POWERFUL WOMEN

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It's been a very good year for women in Washington. Three are on the US Supreme Court, the first woman has been elected Episcopal bishop of Washington, and a female Secretary of State has better poll numbers than her boss, the President of the United States. So many women are in powerful positions in Washington today that selecting the top 100 is more challenging than ever.

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