We need more women in government, featuring Cecile Richards

Cecile Richards, former president of Planned Parenthood, is co-founder of Supermajority and a longtime activist. This video transcript is part of the *Future Is Hers* multimedia series, celebrating innovators, risk-takers, and change makers, supported by the Ford Foundation, who have impacted the lives of women and girls around the globe.

Transcript begins.

[on-screen text: Cecile Richards, Former President, Planned Parenthood]

[A tall white woman with short white hair, wearing a bright-red dress, addresses the camera.]

**CECILE RICHARDS:** I grew up in Texas where women really didn’t have much of any power. In fact, my mom—she was a housewife, as we called them in the day, until she finally figured out that women could do more and eventually ran for office herself and became governor of Texas. It changed opportunities for women in that state and around the country. So I’ve spent, I guess, my entire lifetime organizing women, working with women, helping to lift up women, and I think it’s never been more important than today.

[on-screen graphic: Ford Foundation logo]

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