



Claiming seats at the table

Black women's electoral strength in an era of fractured politics

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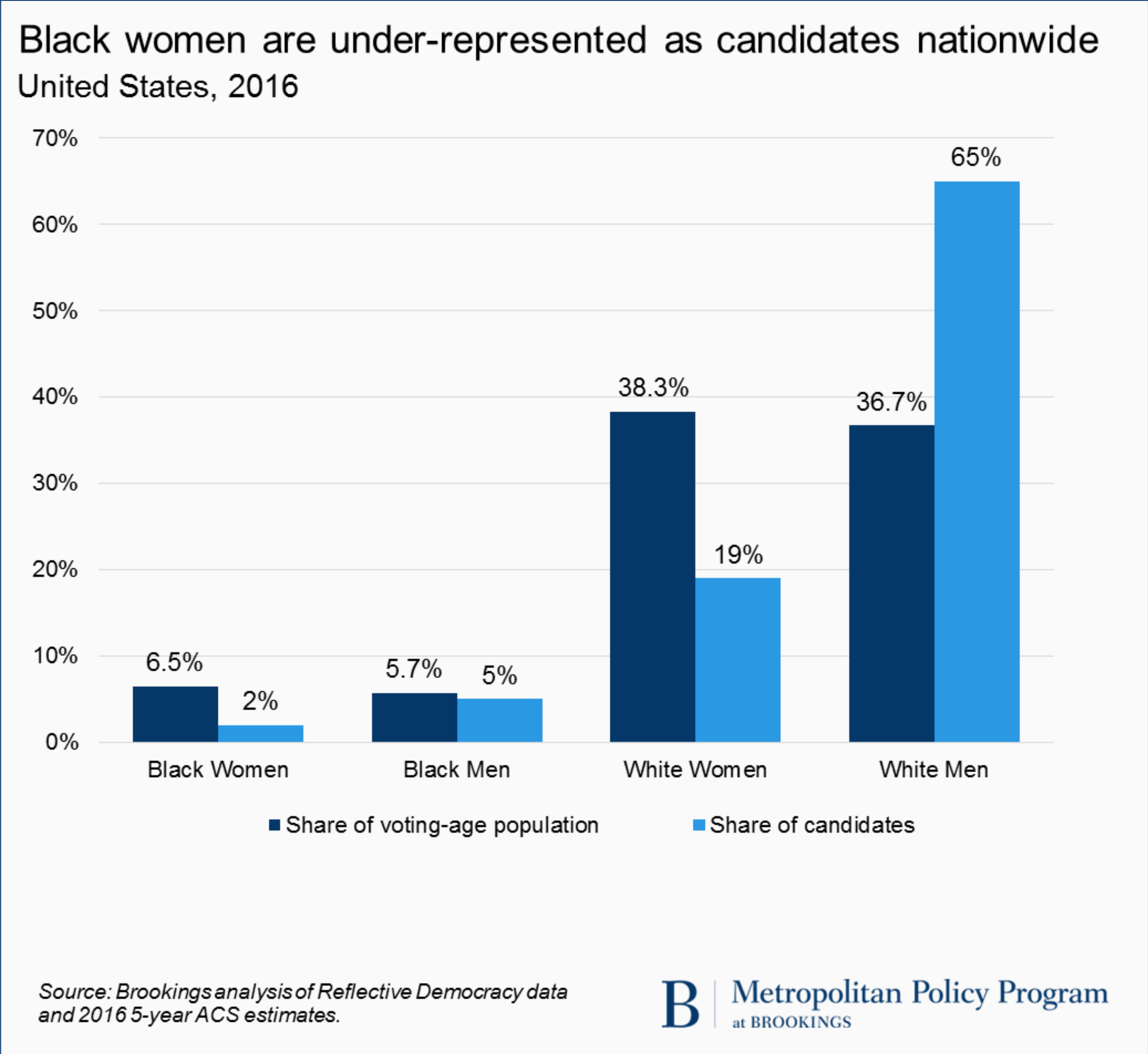
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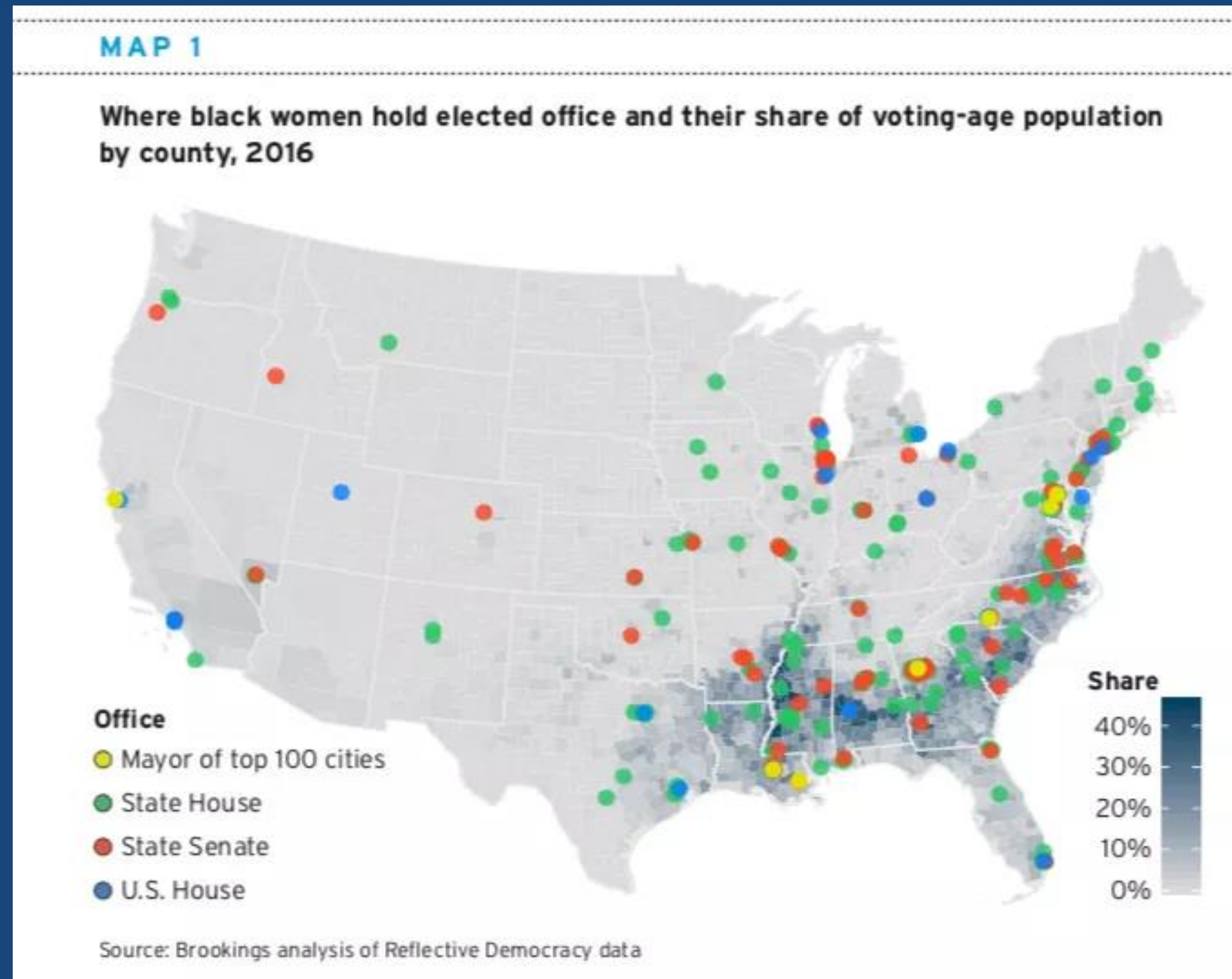
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Black women are under-represented in state and federal elections



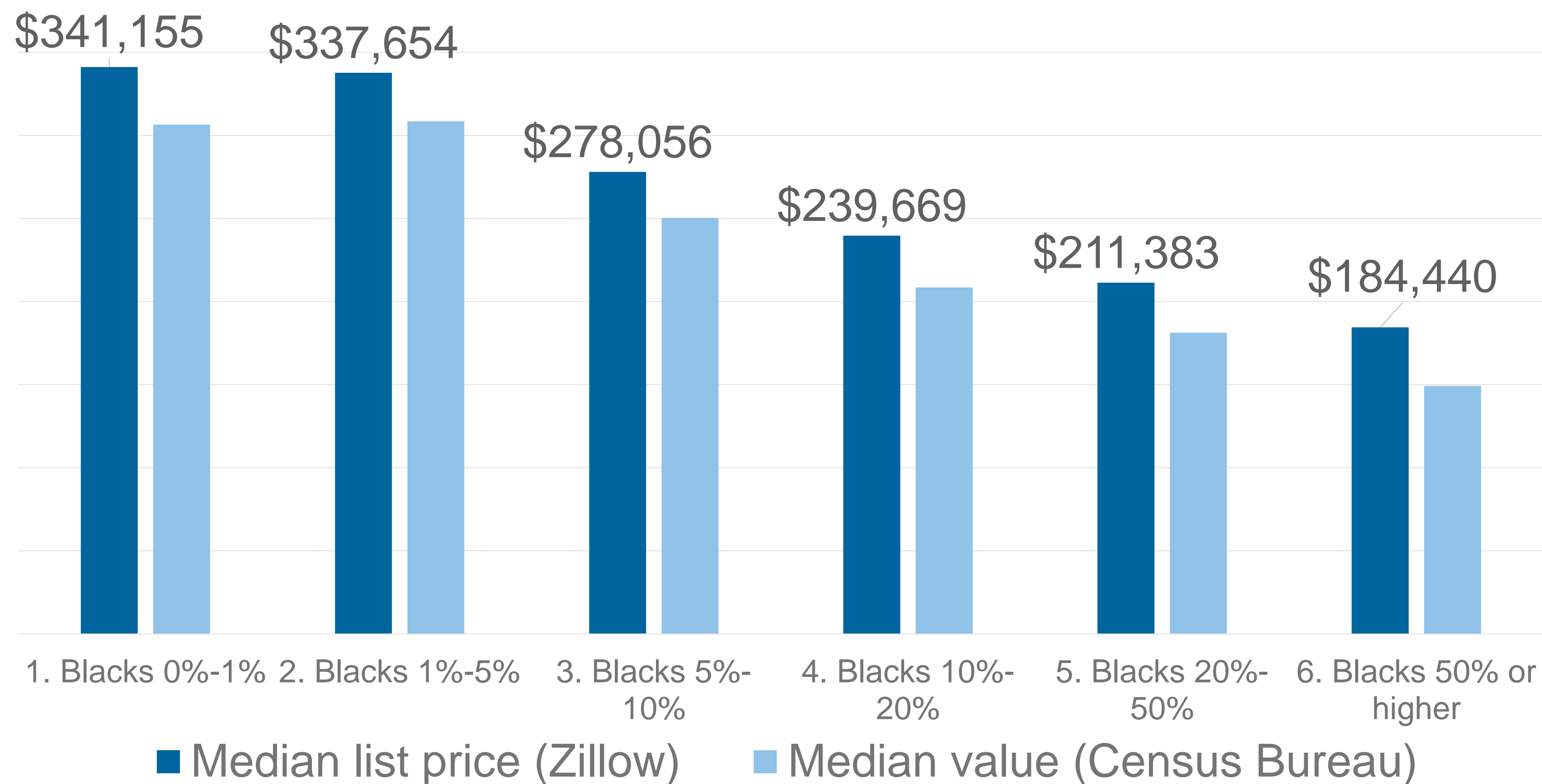
Source: Brookings analysis of 2015 5-year ACS estimates

Despite this, black women are breaking through nationwide



Black communities are under-valued

Median neighborhood home value by black population share, 2012-2016



Concentration of people of color is positively correlated with black women's electoral success

62%

of black female incumbents hold seats
in majority-black constituencies

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77%

of black female incumbents hold seats
in majority-minority constituencies

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500+

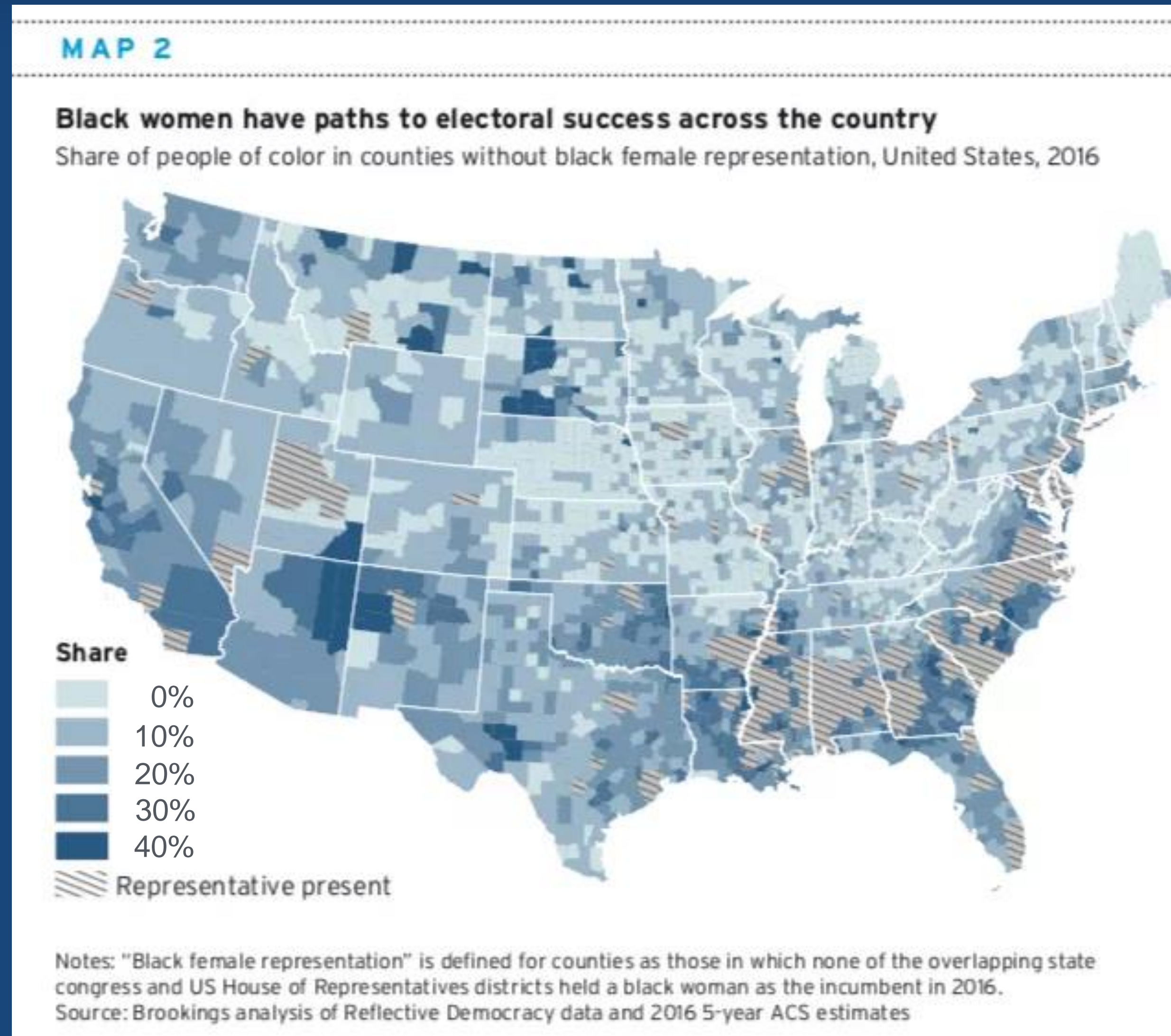
seats available in majority-black constituencies

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1/3

of seats in majority-black constituencies are contested by black women

Black women have paths to success across the country





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