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## Sommario/riassunto

Do women participate in and influence meetings equally with men?  
Does gender shape how a meeting is run and whose voices are heard?  
The Silent Sex shows how the gender composition and rules of a  
deliberative body dramatically affect who speaks, how the group  
interacts, the kinds of issues the group takes up, whose voices prevail,  
and what the group ultimately decides. It argues that efforts to improve  
the representation of women will fall short unless they address  
institutional rules that impede women's voices. Using groundbreaking  
experimental research supplemented with analysis of school boards,  
Christopher Karpowitz and Tali Mendelberg demonstrate how the  
effects of rules depend on women's numbers, so that small numbers  
are not fatal with a consensus process, but consensus is not always  
beneficial when there are large numbers of women. Men and women  
enter deliberative settings facing different expectations about their  
influence and authority. Karpowitz and Mendelberg reveal how the  
wrong institutional rules can exacerbate women's deficit of authority  
while the right rules can close it, and, in the process, establish more  
cooperative norms of group behavior and more generous policies for  
the disadvantaged. Rules and numbers have far-reaching implications  
for the representation of women and their interests. Bringing clarity  
and insight to one of today's most contentious debates, The Silent Sex  
provides important new findings on ways to bring women's voices into  
the conversation on matters of common concern.

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