Women in Power in Africa

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Infographic

Women in National Parliaments (as of January 2013) *1,*2

%
50-60
40-49
30-39
20-29
10-19
0-9

RWANDA 52%
The world's highest percentage of women in parliament

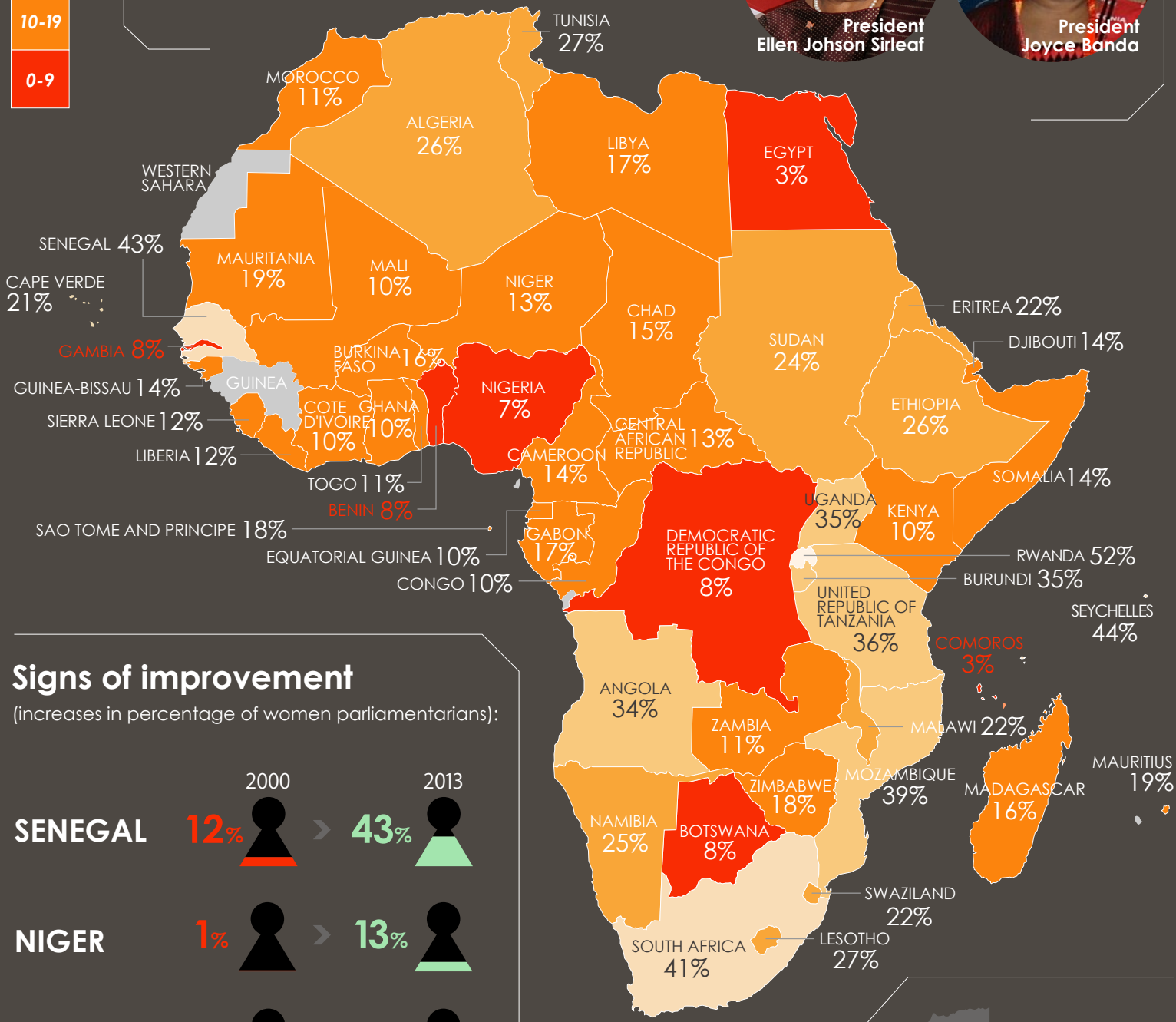
Two of Africa's heads of state are women: *3

LIBERIA

President Ellen Johson Sirleaf

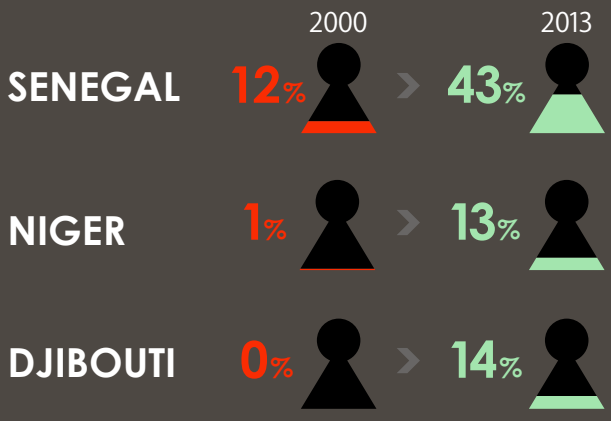
MALAWI

President Joyce Banda



Signs of improvement

(increases in percentage of women parliamentarians):



EGYPT and COMOROS 3%
The lowest percentage of women in parliament in Africa

*1: No data is available for Guinea, Western Sahara, or Somaliland. Guinea was emerging from a transitional government, and Western Sahara and Somaliland are not recognized as states by the United Nations. *2: Data for South Africa does not include the 36 special rotating delegates. *3: In January 2014, a third woman head of state in Africa was born, as Catherine Samba-Panza became interim president of the Central African Republic.

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