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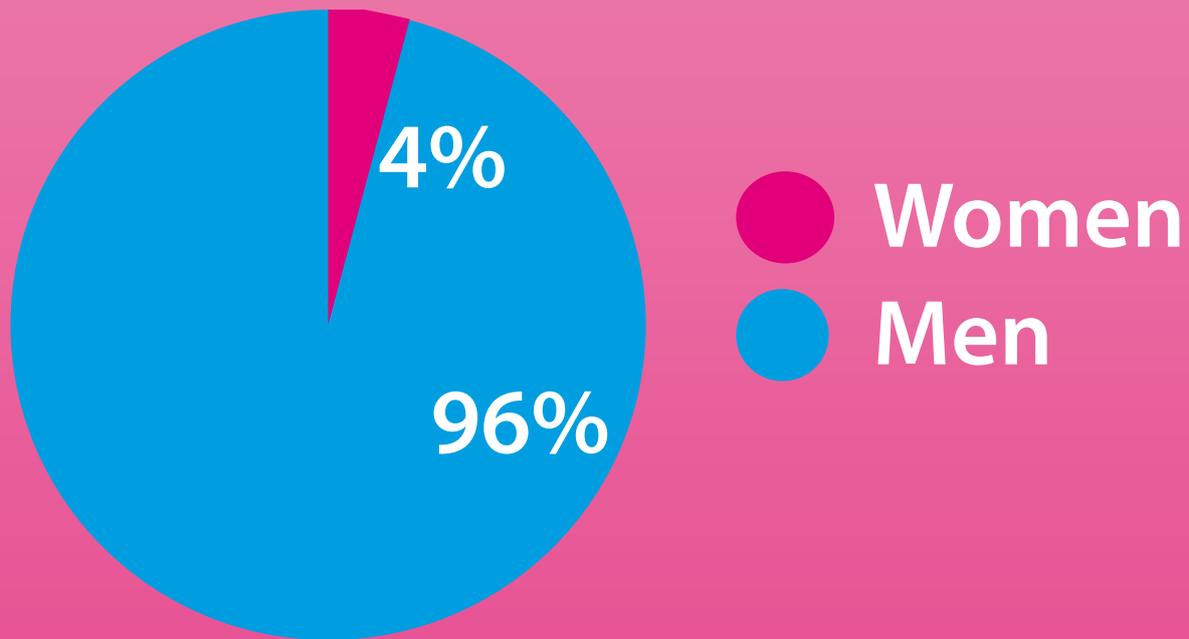
● Women
● Men

When it comes to the highest price in journalism, women are a tiny minority.

There is more than one side to every story. Today, the focus usually is on the disadvantages of women, e.g., the lack of women on board of directors. This is a serious issue, but it is only one quarter of the whole story. There are also advantages for women (e.g., "*women* and children first"), as well as advantages for *some* men (depending on their socio-economical status) and disadvantages for many men.

Sometimes, like in this case, severe ones — there is no deeper silence than death. However, most men do not talk about their problems. Society regards men who complain as weak, so they do not do it. Thus, only women's voices are heard. You only see men's problems when the effects cannot be hidden: in suicides or in deaths.

Yet, there is a unique strength in recognizing that men have the same problems too — it puts men and women in the same boat. We all face the same issues — violence itself in this case — and thus we can unite our strengths to fight for a better world.

However, there are people who will see a call for unity as a sign of weakness. They regard equality as a zero-sum game. They thrive on conflict, of the victimhood of women, to ensure their funding or power. They might even be afraid of appearing like a hypocrite when an issue, which was proclaimed as being only a women's issue, "suddenly" is also an issue for men.

But we cannot achieve a better world if we only look at a quarter of the story. After all, gender should not make us competitors or enemies. Not unless you want to have them in your home, as mothers or fathers, sons or daughters, brothers or sisters. We need to fight for a better world for all — by looking at the whole story, and by uniting against the actual problems that affect us all.