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## FEMALE FACTOR

“Go to any public space in the world. If it’s skewing overwhelmingly male, get out as soon as possible.”

—Dan Biederman, president of Manhattan’s Bryant Park Corporation, who subscribes to urban sociologist William (Holly) Whyte’s theories that the presence of women in public spaces indicates civic health. From “Field Studies: Girl-Counter” by Nick Paumgarten, *The New Yorker*, September 3 and 10, page 42.