

Women and Social Movements in the United States

Women and Social Movements in the United States, the online subscription journal and database, <http://womhist.alexanderstreet.com>, accessible through many libraries, is creating an Online Biographical Dictionary of the Woman Suffrage Movement. Volunteers are writing brief sketches of more than 2,500 suffragists active with the National American Woman Suffrage Association between 1900 and 1920. The goal is to have the Dictionary ready for 2020.

The WSM is looking for individuals interested in researching and writing one or more biographical sketches (roughly 500 words) and faculty members interested in having their students prepare biographical sketches. Our academic advisors will review and copyedit. Project Director Tom Dublin will arrange for the publication on the website and will give author credit to all writers. He has already led efforts to document black suffragists and members of the National Woman's Party. The Biographical Dictionary will be made publicly accessible in September 2018. If you are interested, please send an email to tdublin@binghamton.edu.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton Virtual Reality Tour

In 2017, the biography of women's rights pioneer Elizabeth Cady Stanton became a free Google virtual reality Expedition. It was created by Coline Jenkins, Stanton's great-great granddaughter, and Debra Kolsrud to share Stanton's legacy and inspire social justice activism today. To access the "**Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Women's Rights**" tour, log in to a current gmail account, search for "Google Expeditions," and download the free app (not available for laptops).



Cardboard V-R boxes are available for purchase so students can view the tour as "explorers" while the teacher reads aloud the text (see photo) as "guide" for the downloaded tours. This YouTube video is about Google Expeditions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UuceLtGjDWY>. Here is a link for downloading the free app: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/expeditions/id1131711060>.

National Votes for Women Trail

The **National Votes for Women Trail**, a grassroots project of the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites, nwhp.org, is identifying sites from all over

our country to tell the untold story of suffrage for all women, of all ethnicities. We currently have 32 State Coordinators and over 750 sites on our database.



Our goal is 1,000 by the end of 2018. Our database will then become a mobile-friendly website that will be searchable and accessible to all. Join us and research sites related to suffragists in your area and enter your data (instructions can also be found at this link). <http://nwhs.org/index.php/projects/trails/293-votes-for-women-trail#help>. The Collaborative is also working with the Pomeroy Foundation to install suffrage-related roadside markers at historic sites throughout the country. Suggestions? Email: info@nwhs.org.

Boston Women's Heritage Trail

"Remember the ladies," stated Abigail Adams in 1776. In the two centuries since, neither John Adams nor generations of men that followed did much to remember or commemorate the numerous women who helped mold the New Republic, even in Boston. This began to change when a group of teachers, librarians and students brainstormed and inaugurated the **Boston Women's Heritage Trail** in 1989. We have continued to restore women to their rightful place by uncovering, chronicling and disseminating information about the women who have made lasting contributions to the City of Boston. Our talks and neighborhoods trails are available on our website and by smart phone app. A printed trail guide can also be ordered, <http://bwht.org>.

Additional Resources

There is much more available on the women's suffrage movement than ever before. Search and you will find. The **National Women's History Project** (www.nwhp.org) offers many resources online, including a 32-page list of books by and about suffragists, films, products, state links and suffragists' names, How Women Won the Vote, Additional Print and Online Woman Suffrage Resources.



Volume 1 of this Gazette is also online, http://www.nwhp.org/wp-content/uploads/gazette_How-Women-Won-Vote-.pdf. Information from an earlier Gazette, *Women Win the Vote*, is available along with short biographies of 75 suffragists, a timeline, article, history and more at <http://mith.umd.edu/WomensStudies/ReadingRoom/History/Vote.html>.

American Journalism, A Journal of Media History, has created a very interesting **Women's Suffrage and the Media** "database and resource site" full of leads to multi-media primary and secondary sources.

Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association

Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association is raising funds to build a national women's suffrage memorial near Washington D.C. The park-like site will commemorate the millions of suffragists who fought for more than seven decades to win the vote for American women. Turning Point's mission is "to educate, inspire and empower present and future generations to remain vigilant in the quest for equal rights." A leadership Institute for girls is also planned. The memorial dedication will coincide with the centennial anniversary of ratification of the 19th Amendment in August 2020. www.suffragistmemorial.org.

The Association is seeking sympathetic individuals to join our National Board and represent Turning Point in their respective states. Turning Point is a non-profit



institution and naming rights in the memorial park are available. Contact Pat Wirth at pwirth@suffragistmemorial.org. Also check out their "Suffragist of the Month."

They will publish a special issue in April 2019. <http://suffrageandthemedial.org/>. Another useful site is <https://www.cliohistory.org/click/>.

Answers to the ERA TEST (from page 21)

1. **False.** The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) was designed to guarantee equal legal rights for all American citizens regardless of sex.
2. **False.** Although the Supreme Court has extended some protection against sex discrimination under the 14th amendment, it is not the same robust protection extended to other forms of discrimination such as race discrimination. Moreover, because the 14th does not explicitly ensure gender equality, some conservative Supreme Court justices, such as former Justice Antonin Scalia, read the current Constitution as providing no protection whatsoever against sex discrimination.
3. **True.** The Madison Amendment - the 27th Amendment - was ratified in 1992, 203 years after it was first introduced, thus setting the precedent that ratification can occur many years after an amendment is introduced. ERA Unfinished Business from Alice Paul (see <https://youtu.be/5dyWVGyn8Bs>)
4. **True.** ERA Fact sheet from 2012 poll for Daily Kos and SEIU found that 91% of Americans believed men and women should have equal rights affirmed by the Constitution.
5. **True.** ERA Fact sheet opinion poll found that 72% of Americans believed that the Constitution already guaranteed equal protection to men and women.

ERA on the Move

The ERA: Suffragists' Unfinished Work



In 1923, coming on the heels of the ratification of the 19th Amendment and women finally winning the right to vote, Alice Paul, Crystal Eastman and others at the National Woman's Party came together to draft an Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the Constitution that would broadly prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex. The Amendment, then known as the Lucretia Mott Amendment, read "Men and women shall have equal rights throughout the United States and every place subject to its jurisdiction." Alice Paul subsequently rewrote the ERA to model the language of the 15th and 19th Amendments: "Equality of Rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex". Unfortunately, Paul and Eastman's zeal for gender equality wasn't supported politically and it would be years before the amendment would garner support nationally.

Between 1940 and 1972, the ratification of the ERA amendment would be placed on both the Democratic and Republican platforms when the two parties believed the ERA could elicit the female vote in support of their party.

During the 1970s, a new wave of support for the ERA moved the amendment through the House and the Senate by huge majorities and was signed in 1972 by President Nixon. Several states maneuvered to be the first to ratify the amendment and in the end Hawaii would earn that distinction. From there, one state after another ratified the amendment until fierce

opposition, led by Phyllis Schlafly halted forward progress. Fears of the ERA wreaking havoc on the notion of "traditional" family values, convinced enough people to end their support for the amendment and along with it, constitutional protection for women.

Deadline Extended

As the 70s came to a close, 35 states ratified the amendment within the deadline imposed by Congress. The ratification deadline would later be extended to 1982 but no additional states ratified by then and thus the amendment did not receive the requisite 38 states needed for ratification and never actually became part of the Constitution.

14th Amendment

Many people today believe that the Constitution fully protects from gender discrimination either under the 14th amendment or the ERA amendment. However, the ERA was never ratified and, although the Supreme Court has extended some protection against sex discrimination under the 14th amendment, it is not the same robust protection extended to prohibit other forms of discrimination such as race discrimination.

Moreover, because the 14th does not explicitly ensure gender equality, some conservative Supreme Court justices, such as former Justice Antonin Scalia, read the current Constitution as providing no protection whatsoever against sex discrimination.

Without explicit constitutional protection, the rights of women are at the mercy of any given political climate, as sex equality statutes such as Title IX or the Equal Pay Act can be changed by the Congress at any time or weakly enforced by presidential administrations that are hostile to women's equality.

Ensuring that women's rights withstand the ebb and flow of politics, the ratification of the ERA is a necessary addition to the Constitution.

Nevada Ratification

During the decades following the original fervor for ratification, the fight for ratification of the ERA continued in some states that did not ratify it. Then, in 2017, Nevada's ratification of the ERA breathed new hope into the movement. Illinois has just passed the ERA becoming the 37th State. Only one more is needed to meet the 3/4 majority needed to amend the Constitution. Several other states including Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, and Arizona have seen a great deal of activity around the ERA. This exciting development means that the long fought for ratification may be finally be reached.

Uncertain Future

Once 38 states have ratified the ERA, then as Jen Deaderick, who is writing a new book on the history of the Equal Right Amendment and the founded the Equal Rights Amendment Facebook page says, "then the fun would start." Congress would then need to overturn or retroactively ap-

ply the 1982 deadline. Supporters of the "3-state strategy" analogize to the history of the 27th Amendment which set conditions for congressional pay raises. Although first proposed by Congress in 1789, it was not ratified by the requisite number of states until 203 years later in 1992. In contrast, the ERA ratification period of 36 years likely meets the Supreme Court requirement of a "sufficiently contemporaneous" consensus. Another hurdle is the fact that several states have since rescinded their ratification of the ERA. However, it is unclear if such actions are legally binding. **Now, more than ever, the ERA needs our support.**

The power of social media has proven to be quite effective in recent years. Facebook, in particular, has allowed diverse groups, spread across geographical areas to stay informed of which states are drafting legislation in support of the ERA.

As we've seen with the Women's March and the #metoo movement, there is much that can be accomplished when we come together to bring about change. We encourage you to stay informed regarding the progress of the ERA, as well as, share with your family and friends all the benefits that come with ratifying this much needed amendment.

JOIN the EFFORT
www.eracoalition.org

CAN YOU NAME THESE ERA SUPPORTERS?



Answers in bottom right column.

Photo: Jo Freeman www.jofreeman.com

Amending the Constitution is Complicated Business

“I never doubted that equal rights was the right direction. Most reforms, most problems are complicated. But to me there is nothing complicated about ordinary equality.”

-Alice Paul



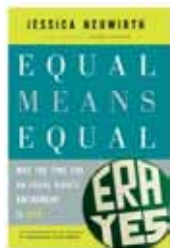
Test Your ERA Knowledge

1. The ERA would benefit only women. **T or F**
2. The Era is unnecessary because women are already protected by the 14th Amendment. **T or F**
3. If three more states ratify the ERA, it could stand up in court because of the deadline issued for ratification. **T or F**
4. In 2012, 91% of Americans believed that men and women should have equal rights affirmed by the Constitution. **T or F**
5. In 2001, an opinion poll stated 72% of Americans believed the Constitution already guaranteed equal protection to men and women. **T or F**

Answers on Page 19

The **Equal Rights Amendment** website is a project of the Alice Paul Institute (API) whose mission is to increase public awareness of Alice Paul (1885-1977), and to promote the empowerment of young women leaders. This website offers information on “**Equal Rights Amendment: Unfinished Business**” and other ERA resources.

equalrightsamendment.org



Equal Means Equal by Jessica Neuwirth

In her book, **Equal Means Equal**, Jessica Neuwirth highlights why the ERA is so imperative for securing equal rights for women. Through the topics of pay equity, pregnancy discrimination and violence against women it becomes evident that until the ERA is amended, women will not know true equality under the law.

The **NOW Foundation** focuses on a broad range of women's rights issues. Visit their website for **Social Media toolkits** and up-to-date information on the ERA and other women's rights issues.



ERA CHRONOLOGY

1920 The 19th Amendment is ratified

1923 Alice Paul drafted the ERA and introduced it to Congress

1923-1971 The ERA is presented during Congressional sessions, but never voted on

1972 ERA passed by the necessary 2/3 votes in the House and Senate and Endorsed by President Nixon

1972-1977 35 of the necessary 38 states had ratified the ERA

1977 National Women's Conference - First Ladies Lobby for ERA

1978 Congress expands ERA deadline for three years. President Carter signs the extension into law

1982 The date for ratification established by Congress expired.

2017 January Women's March

2017 #metoo went viral and Times' Up Movement received global attention

2017 Nevada becomes the 36th State to ratify the ERA

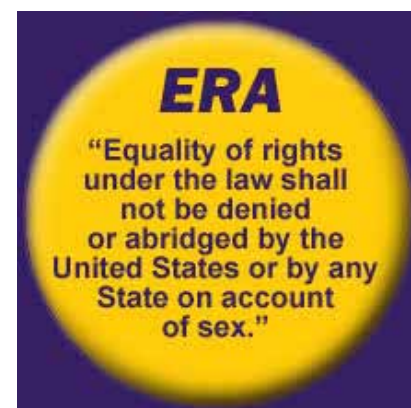
2017-2020 A coalition of equality organizations works to secure the ratification of the ERA

2018 Illinois Senate passes the ERA (still needs passage in IL House.)

ERA SUPPORTERS

(From left to right)

Congresswoman Bella Abzug (D, NY), First Lady Rosalynn Carter, Former First Ladies Betty Ford and Lady Bird Johnson, Lynda Johnson Robb, Mia Angelou, and Coretta Scott King





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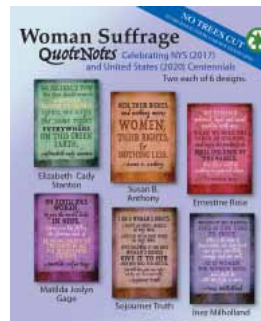
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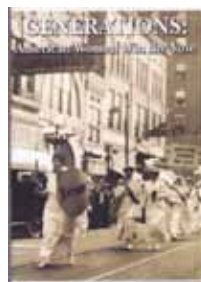
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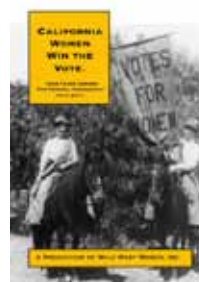
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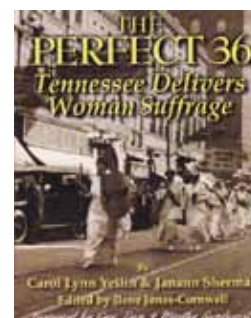


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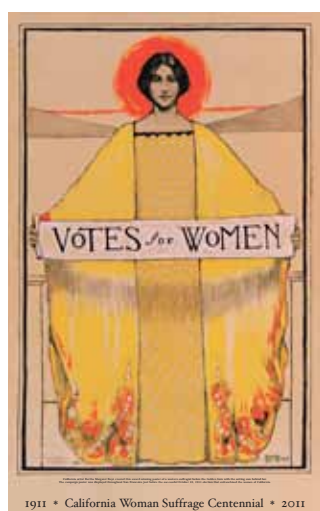


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Votes for Women Poster



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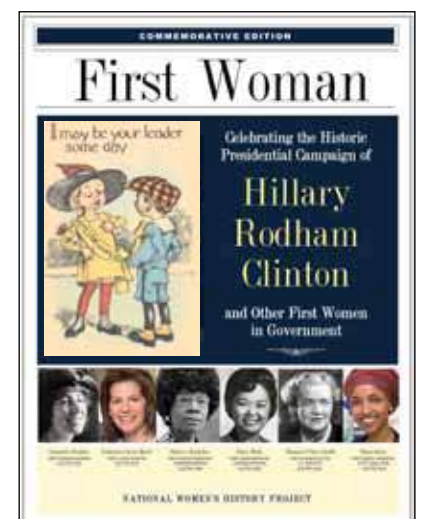
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