

Opportunity for Women's Rights & Fighting for It



MY BODY
MY CHOICE
MY COUNTRY
MY VOICE



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Introduction

According to history America has been a place of opportunity for many people but after careful analysis I believe that America is not a place of opportunities for all. I believe opportunities throughout history have been hard to find in America if you do not fit the archetype of a well bodied white male. Throughout history there have been a plethora of boundaries set on women to take away rights at any human deserves such as a right to vote and work in whatever field you deserve. Women's rights have progressed over time starting with moments in history such as the Convention at Seneca Falls. The lack of rights women have had throughout history may be glossed over as an issue that eventually got a solution, women have been victim to mental and emotional strains because of the limits set on them by society. While these rights have progressed throughout history to give women the opportunities, they deserve there are still issues women are facing in our current society simply because of their gender such as pregnancy discrimination in a work environment. Opportunities for Women have been an issue in America for several years, but it is still a discussion at the table because of discriminations that women face today.

The Seneca Falls Convention of 1848

The Seneca Falls Convention was the first women's rights convention in America which took place on July 19th 1848. At this convention, they read the Declaration of Sentiments that declared all men and women are created equal. This is an important moment regarding my issue of choice women's rights in America because this is part of the foundation of women's rights being established in America. According to the history book, this meeting established a fight for change for women in America.



America When Feminized

This archive from libsearch shows a demonstration of Anti Suffrage Literature. This political cartoon shows a mother hen leaving her nest of eggs labeled "Ideal family life" for the male chicken to take care of the eggs. This reflects how people who were against the women's suffrage movement believed women wanted to abandon their life at home and leave them to the man. This type of propaganda is what set back progress in the plan to give women equal rights: the misinterpretation of what women truly wanted.

America When Feminized



SUFFRAGIST-FEMINIST IDEAL FAMILY LIFE.

The More a Politician Allows Himself to be Henpecked
The More Henpecking We Will Have in Politics.

A Vote for Federal Suffrage is a Vote for Organized Female
Nagging Forever.

America in 1910 which was the result of a man-woman dominated country will soon be a thing of the past. With the progress of the male supremacy in this country we can look forward to a nation of degenerates. The suppression of us will ultimately have its effect in developing a phlegmatic, stupid, degenerate. The effect of the male supremacy on American character will be to make "stupid" of American men a phrase already well understood. — Dr. William J. H. Wilson, Chicago University.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE degrades both men and women. It makes slaves women and humbles men. The history of our great civilization has proven that a weakening of the man part of nations has been but a precursor of their decline in civilization.

Will you stand for this? Prove that you will not by voting to Reject the Federal Woman Suffrage Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

**SOUTHERN WOMAN'S LEAGUE FOR REJECTION OF THE
SUSAN B. ANTHONY AMENDMENT**

WE SERVE THAT OUR STATES MAY LIVE, AND LIVING, PRESERVE THE UNION

The Feminine Mystique

BETTY FRIEDAN

The Feminine Mystique

WENTY-
ANNIVERSARY
EDITION

With a new introduction, "Twenty Years After,"
and a new epilogue, "Thoughts on
Becoming a Grandmother"



The Feminine Mystique by Betty Freidan goes into detail about the mental and emotional burden that woman felt in their lifestyle as stay at home mothers with no access to political and economical rights. This is important for the issue of women's rights because it shows that women during the 1960s felt as though they were missing a part of themselves as they were fulfilling the responsibilities that society had put on them. This sources shows multiple point of views from women who struggled to put a name to the whole in their identity.

She's good enough to be your baby's mother and she's good enough to vote with you : song

This is a song from 1961 about how women deserve the rights to vote just as much as men do. This was an important cultural product for me because it shows the women's suffrage movement was positively shown in media and pop culture at the time. I also noticed that it shows men being support of women having rights because the composer and writer of this song are both men: Herman Paley and Alfred Bryan. I think it's important to learn about men being support of the women's suffrage movement because it is not something talked about enough in history until the end when we were granted rights.

She's Good Enough To Be Your Baby's Mother
And She's Good Enough To Vote With You

Lyrics by ALFRED BRYAN Music by HERMAN PALEY



The image shows a musical score for the song. It includes a piano accompaniment and a vocal line. The lyrics are: "She's good enough to be your baby's mother / And she's good enough to vote with you". The score is written in G major and 4/4 time.

100 Years Later: The Complicated History Of The Women's Suffrage Movement

Relating to the beginning of the Women's Suffrage Movement, Hilary McQuilkin and Meghna Chakrabarti discuss elements of Women's Suffrage Movement that textbooks have failed to discuss. For example, we have been neglected the acknowledgement of black women in the women's suffrage movement and how they were more suffragettes than Stanton and Anthony. I also learned from this product that white women conceded to ideals of white supremacy in order to get their right to vote. This shows the racism and lack of concern for BIPOC in the movement.



The Combahee River Collective

In contrast to the Women's Suffrage Movement, The Combahee River Collective acknowledges intersectionality and all minority groups and how they all interlock with fighting for women's rights in America. Women's rights if for more than white women and this collective focuses on representing groups that were silenced by white feminist in the past. This is an important cultural product because it brings attention to an issue in the suffrage movement that was not discussed in most of the other products.



Kimberlie Michelle Durham v. Rural/Metro Corporation

While women faced problems like not being able to vote or work outside of the home, pregnancy discrimination is now a problem in 2020. This specific page from the ACLU website describes the end result of a case involving Kimberlie Durham and the Rural/Metro Corporation who forced her to go on a 6 month unpaid leave because she was pregnant even though it is standard procedure to give employees modified assignments if they need it. This is an important product because it focuses on a present issue that shows how women are still treated unfairly.



How to Get Involved

1. National Organization for Women
 - a. Donate or get involved at now.org
2. Take part in the annual Women's March
3. Donate to Planned Parenthood

**I STAND
WITH
PLANNED
PARENTHOOD**



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