



**HER VOICE  
HER VOTE  
OUR VICTORY**

We are the Fox Valley 19th Amendment Centennial Coalition, a collaborative effort of women from women-run associations, organizations and clubs, all aligned in our desire to celebrate, educate and advocate women's rights. Our group represents:



How much do you know about the women's suffrage movement?



1. *Suffrage* from the Latin word *suffragium* refers to...

A) Those who suffered to obtain the right to vote

B) A vote given in deciding a controversial question

C) The sacrifices which must be made for representative government

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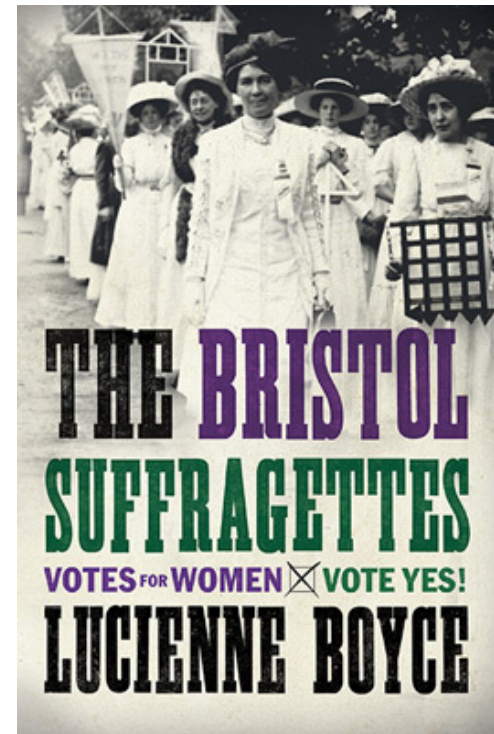
B) *Suffragist* was used to refer to women seeking the right to vote whereas these women referred to themselves as *suffragettes*.

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At first the term was used to mock the British suffragists, but they embraced it and used it to their advantage.



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- C) "The Declaration of Sentiments"



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This statement was modeled after the Declaration of Independence, stating, "We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men *and women* are created equal."

It enumerated a list of rights women were demanding, some of which have yet to be achieved.





4. The legislatures in Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin all ratified the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment on June 10, 1919. Wisconsin was given credit for being the first to ratify because...

A) Its papers were the first to be filed in Washington, D.C.

B) A legislator in Illinois delayed the vote in Springfield due to the birth of his daughter

C) The official time stamp on Michigan's papers was smudged and therefore judged invalid.

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Former Wisconsin Senator David James, and father of Wisconsin activist Ada James, raced across the country to deliver Wisconsin's papers to the US State Department by June 13, 1919.



5. Early women's suffragists have been criticized for which of the following: *(Choose two answers)*

A) Lack of support for women of color

B) Violence and destruction of property

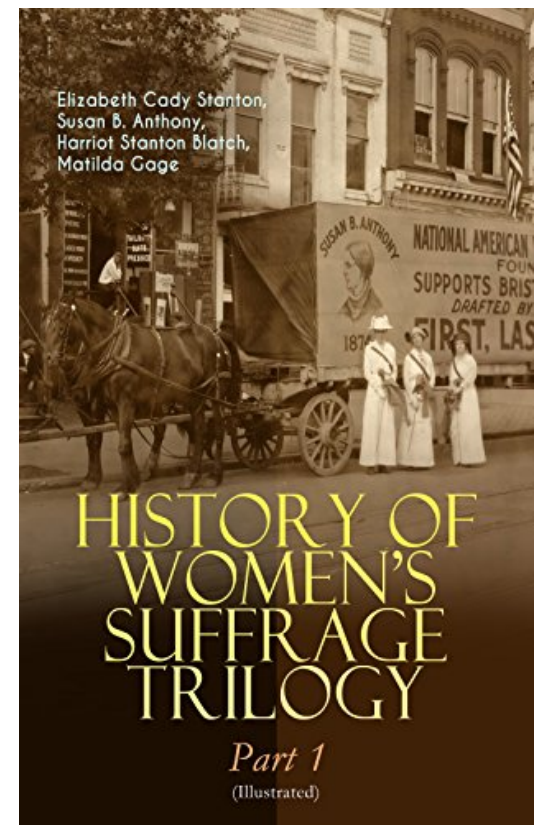
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In the definitive work of the time, *The History of Women's Suffrage*, Black women were hardly mentioned.

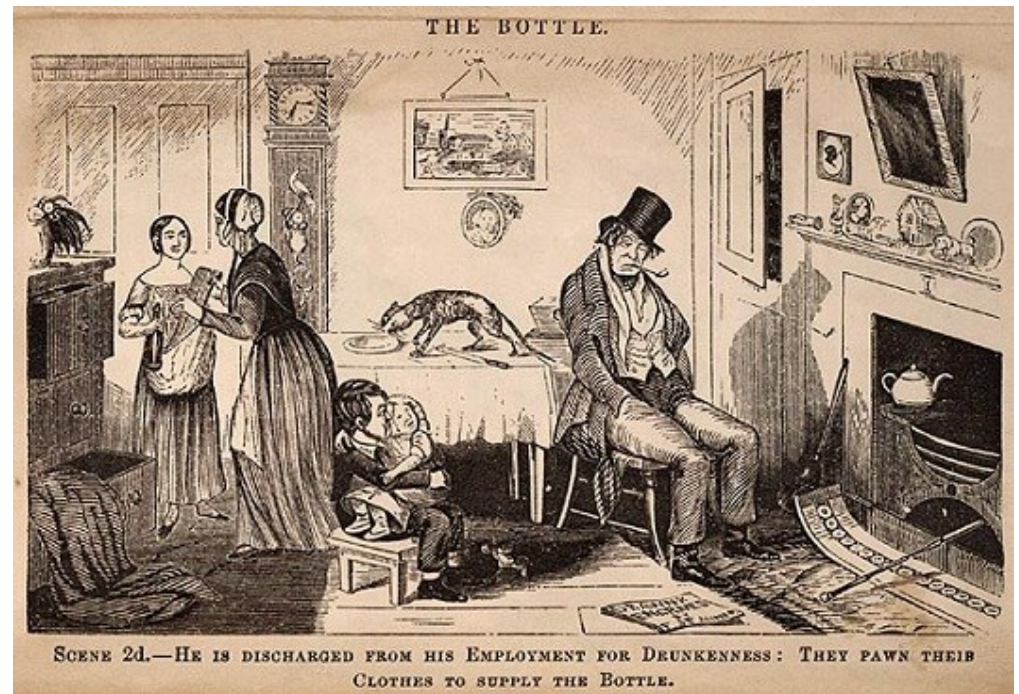
In order to secure the votes needed from southern states for the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment, suffragists did not oppose an effort by southern Democrats to add a provision that would allow states to exclude people of color from voting. (That provision was ultimately struck down by Progressive senators.).



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C) Association with the temperance (anti-alcohol) movement

As a result of widespread alcoholism among soldiers after the Civil War, many women experienced financial ruin due to having no property rights, so many women supported prohibition.



The National Woman's Party, headed by Alice Paul, used tactics such as picketing which resulted in arrests. Paul was influenced by suffragists from England where the movement was more violent. As a Quaker, however, Paul supported civil disobedience but not violence.



The Silent Sentinels picketing in front of the White House.



British suffragettes

# The national leaders of the women's suffrage movement

## Lucretia Mott (F)

Cofounder of the national movement and an organizer of the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848. She was a Quaker, mother of six children, and an ardent anti-slavery activist as well. She was so firm in her convictions that she refused to wear cotton clothing or serve sugar in her home because both were produced with slave labor. She published the *Discourse on Women* which detailed the history of women's repression.



## Elizabeth Cady Stanton (B)

Co-founder of the national movement and co-organizer of the Seneca Falls Convention in 1848, she was the primary author of the *Declaration of Sentiments* which she read at the convention. She was the mother of 7 children which didn't allow her travel in support of the movement as a young woman, but she continued to write throughout her life, and contributed to the 3-volume *History of Women's Suffrage*. She was critical of the Christian Church for repressing women, and wrote *The Woman's Bible*, removing any references to women's inferiority. Although criticized by her fellow suffragists as blasphemous, it was translated into six languages.





## **Susan B. Anthony (E)**

Recruited by Stanton to travel and give many rousing speeches. One of her most famous lines was: “Failure is impossible.” Anthony led the movement to focus first and foremost on women’s suffrage. She was also a Quaker and her activism began as an abolitionist.. She was arrested for voting in 1872 and fined \$100 which brought national attention to the women’s suffrage movement. She never married, not wanting to give up her rights to a husband, and devoted her life to the movement.



## **Alice Stone Blackwell (G)**

Daughter of Lucy Stone, she became editor of the leading women's rights newspaper *Women's Journal*. She facilitated the consolidation of two major women's suffrage organizations into the National Women's Suffrage Association and brought union and trade women into the movement in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.



## **Ida B. Wells-Barnett (G)**

Born into slavery, she became a journalist who documented and publicized the pamphlet, *Southern Horror: Lynch Law in All Its Phases*. She was instrumental in founding the NAACP and helped organize the Chicago Alpha Suffrage Club, one of the first for black women. In the 1913 women's suffrage parade, she was told to walk at the back, but refused to do so. When the white suffragists from Chicago passed by, she jumped into the parade and joined them.



## Sojourner Truth (A)

A former slave, she became an abolitionist and women's rights activist. Famous for her speech "Ain't I a Woman?" She was bought and sold 4 times before she gained her freedom. Because of her work for the Union cause during the Civil War, she was invited to meet Abraham Lincoln at the White House.



## **Mary Church Terrell (J)**

Women's suffrage leader, clubwoman, and widely read author who often called on white women to include black women in the movement.

She believed black people would improve their lot through education, work, and activism.

“Lifting as we climb” became the motto of the National Association of Colored Women she helped to found



## **Carrie Chapman Catt (D)**

Born in Ripon, Wisconsin, but active at the national level, she was integral in gaining passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the US Constitution. Known as “the general” with a voice “like a foghorn”, she skillfully steered the national campaign for ratification. She founded the League of Women Voters and served as its honorary president until her death in 1947.



## **Matilda Joslyn Gage (C)**

An early leader in the suffragist movement, but one whose views were deemed too radical. She participated in the Underground Railroad and was an outspoken advocate for women's rights, religious freedom, and Native American justice. She was profoundly influenced by the Iroquois society and the status of its women and admitted into its Council of Matrons.



## **Alice Paul (H)**

Leader of the National Women's Party and more radical. She helped organize the picket of the White House in 1917 for which she was arrested and placed in solitary confinement in the mental ward of prison. She led a hunger strike and violent force feeding. These actions helped to garner public support and sympathy for the women's suffragists activists.





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# The Wisconsin leaders of the women's suffrage movement

## **Olympia Brown (E)**

The first woman to be ordained a minister in the US. She was president of the Wisconsin Woman Suffrage Association and later worked for passage of a federal constitutional amendment. She lived to cast a vote in 1920 at age 85.



## **Clara Bewick Colby (C)**

Emigrated from Britain to Wisconsin in childhood and an early female student at UW-Madison; a prominent suffragist, orator, and journalist who started a Nebraska newspaper called the *Women's Tribune* which became the official paper of the Women's Suffrage Association.



## **Belle Case LaFollette (G)**

The first woman to graduate from Law School in Wisconsin, she served as First Lady of Wisconsin as the wife of “Fighting Bob LaFollette”. She was an outspoken writer and orator for women’s right to vote. She traveled the country between 1915 to 1919 giving speeches in support of women’s right to vote. She was in the US Senate gallery in 1919 when the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was approved.



## **Laura Ross Wolcott (A)**

The first woman physician in Wisconsin; active in the early women's suffrage movement. She was denied admittance to the medical society of Milwaukee in 1857. She then went to Paris where she attended lectures at the Sorbonne and worked in a hospital. Upon her return to Milwaukee, she was accepted as a physician. She organized meetings in Milwaukee and Madison at which she met Susan B. Anthony.



## **Jessie Jack Hooper (B)**

Women's suffrage leader from Oshkosh and first president of the Wisconsin League of Women Voters; she ran for the US Senate in 1922 as a Democrat against Robert LaFollette and won a remarkable 16% of the vote only 2 years after the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment. She was an ardent peace activist as well.



## **Ada James (D)**

Women's suffrage leader who was very active in the 1912 referendum efforts and other reforms in the early 1900s. She was president of the Political Equality League in Wisconsin which combined with the Wisconsin Women's Suffrage Association after the failure of the 1912 referendum on women's suffrage in Wisconsin.



## **Theodora Winton Youmans (F)**

A journalist and active member of the women's club network which subtly advocated for women's rights in society. The articles she wrote provide some of the best sources on the Wisconsin Women's Suffrage Association. A lifelong Republican, she remained politically active all her life.





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1. The more radical tactics of some of the activists in the women's suffrage movement in America were inspired by activists in Great Britain.

TRUE

The British women's suffragists often employed more violent tactics than their American counterparts.



2. Members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union who favored prohibition of alcohol often clashed with women's suffrage advocates.

FALSE

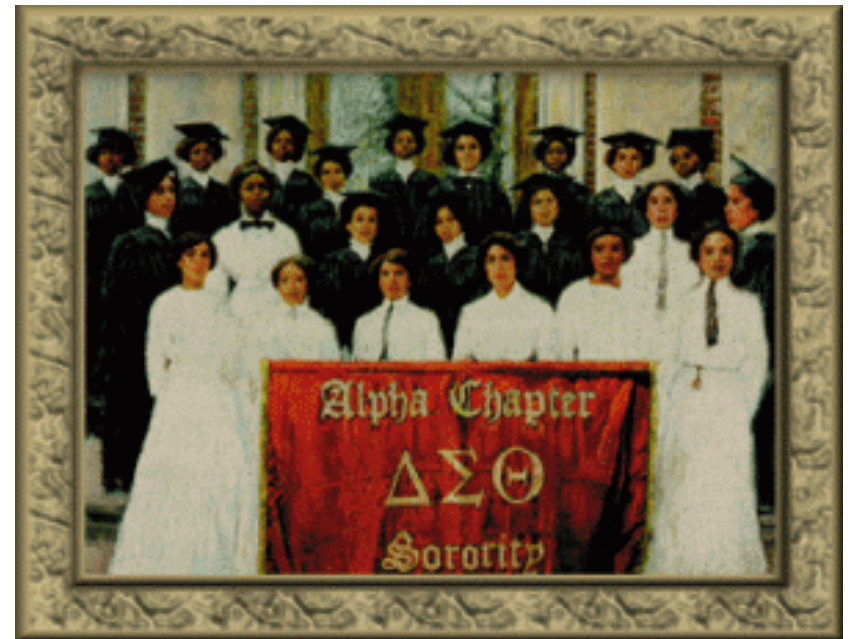
Because married women lacked property rights, many were left destitute when husbands squandered the household income on alcohol, so support of the temperance union was a natural partner for those advocating for women's rights.



3. Women who were active in the women's suffrage movement were often ardent abolitionists and worked to ensure that black women would also achieve the right to vote.

FALSE

Because of the racist sentiment of the times, leaders of the women's suffrage movement were less supportive of advocating for black women's rights. Alice Paul, organizer of the women's suffrage parade of 1913, instructed black women to march at the rear of the parade. At great personal risk to themselves, the 22 founding members of the Delta Theda Sigma Sorority, marched in that parade.



4. New York was the first US state to grant women the right to vote in its state constitution.

FALSE

Western states led the nation in granting women suffrage. The First state was Wyoming which became a US territory in 1869 with a women's suffrage provision. In 1890, it entered the union as the first state whose constitution granted women the right to vote.



5. New Zealand was the first country to grant women the right to vote.

TRUE

New Zealand became the first country to allow women to vote in parliamentary elections in 1893.



6. The Supreme Court once ruled that denying women the right to vote was constitutional.

TRUE

In the case of *Minor v. Happersett*, the Supreme Court ruled in 1875 that the US Constitution didn't grant anyone the right to vote when a state's laws prohibited women from voting. The case was brought by Virginia Minor who attempted to register to vote in Missouri.



7. Wisconsin women were not allowed to vote prior to 1920.

**FALSE**

Reverend Olympia Brown attempted to vote in a municipal election in 1887 at a time when women were allowed to vote in elections "concerning school matters". She was denied, and the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled that women can only vote in in specific school elections.

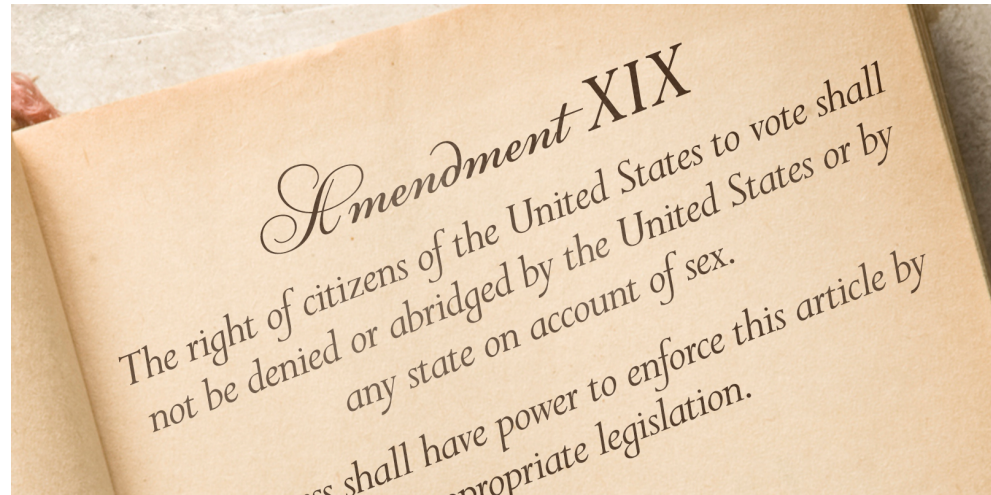




8. The 19<sup>th</sup> amendment was first introduced in the US Congress in 1878.

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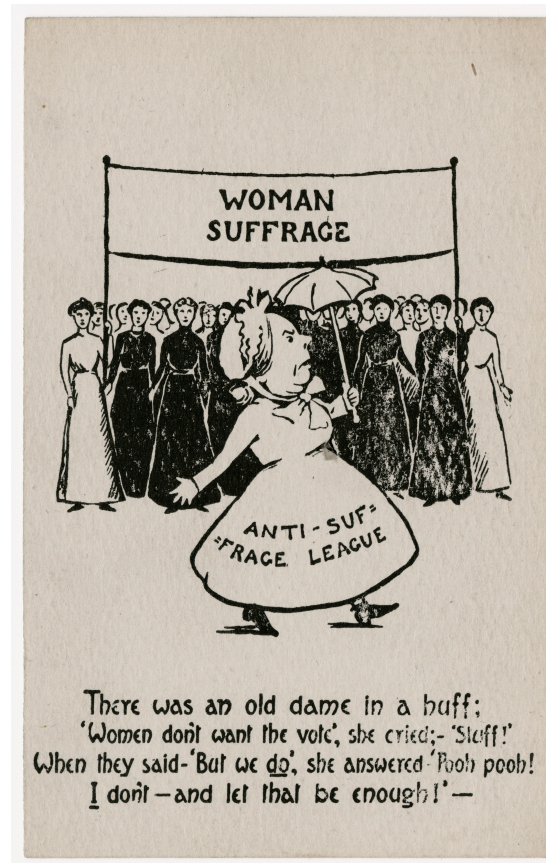
When the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment is passed in 1919, the wording was exactly the same as the original amendment.



9. Women's suffrage was ultimately achieved due to a lack of real organized resistance.

FALSE

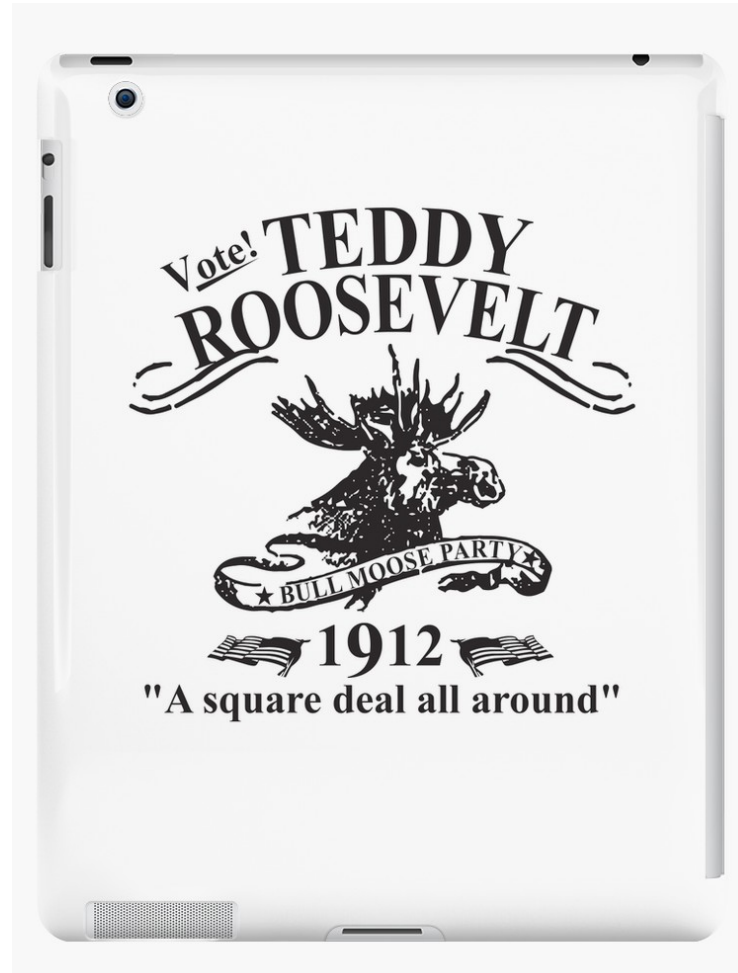
In 1911, the National Association Opposed to Women's Suffrage was formed. Its members included wealthy, influential women, some Catholic clergymen, distillers and brewers, urban political machines, southern congressmen, and corporate capitalists.



10. The first president to publicly support women's suffrage was Woodrow Wilson.

**FALSE**

While Woodrow Wilson endorsed women's suffrage on the Democratic Party platform in 1916, it was Teddy Roosevelt's Bull Moose Party that first supported women's suffrage in 1912.



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