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— Elizabeth Cady Stanton

*“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex. Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.”*

# QUAKERS ➡ ABOLITIONISTS ➡ SUFFRAGISTS



The 1840 World Anti-Slavery Convention in London

# LUCRETIA MOTT

“The world has not yet seen a truly great and virtuous nation because in degradation of woman are the very fountains of life poisoned.”



# ELIZABETH CADY STANTON

“The best protection any woman  
can have is...courage.”



# First women's rights convention: July 19-20, 1848 in Seneca falls, NY



# The Declaration of Sentiments

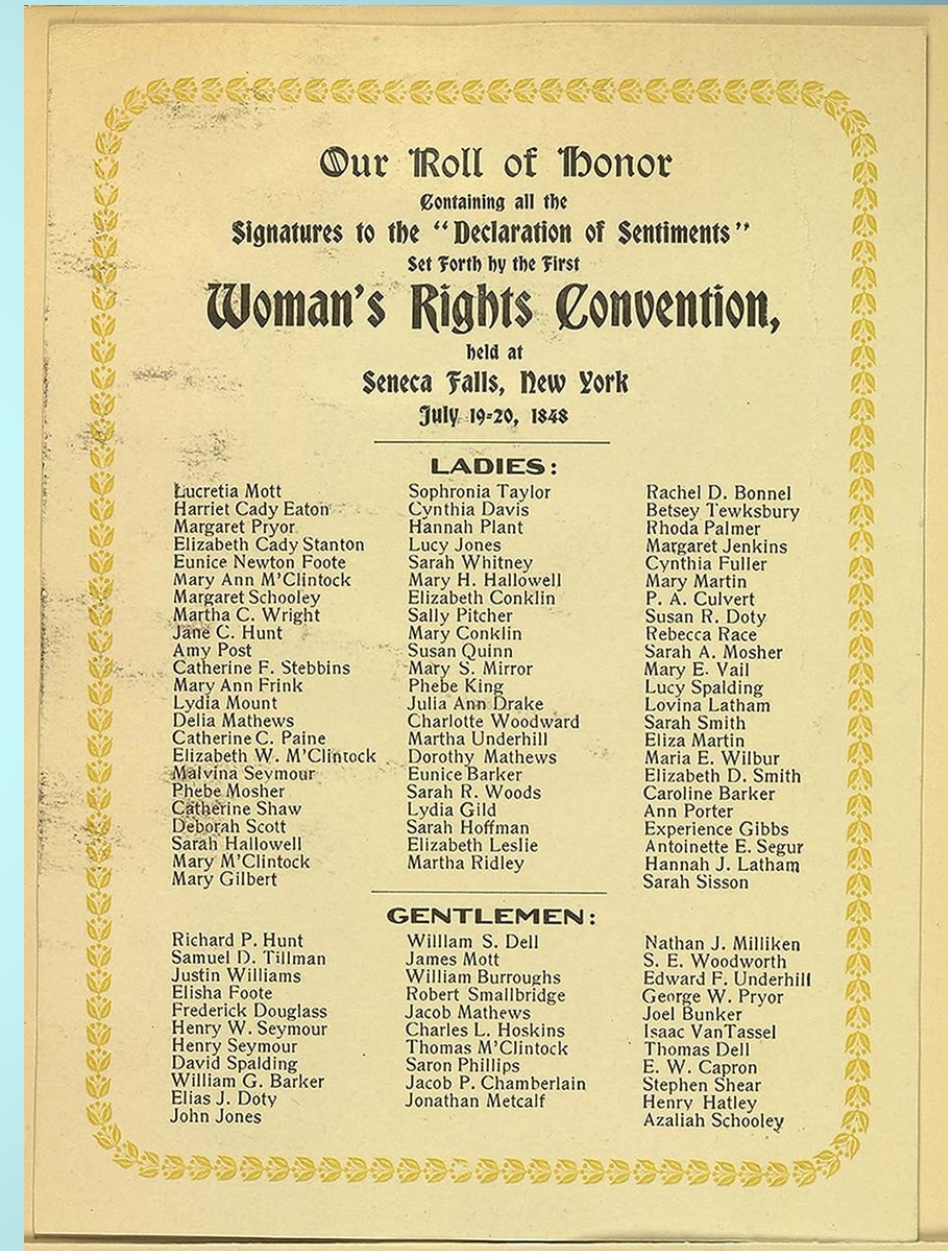
We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

*-Thomas Jefferson*

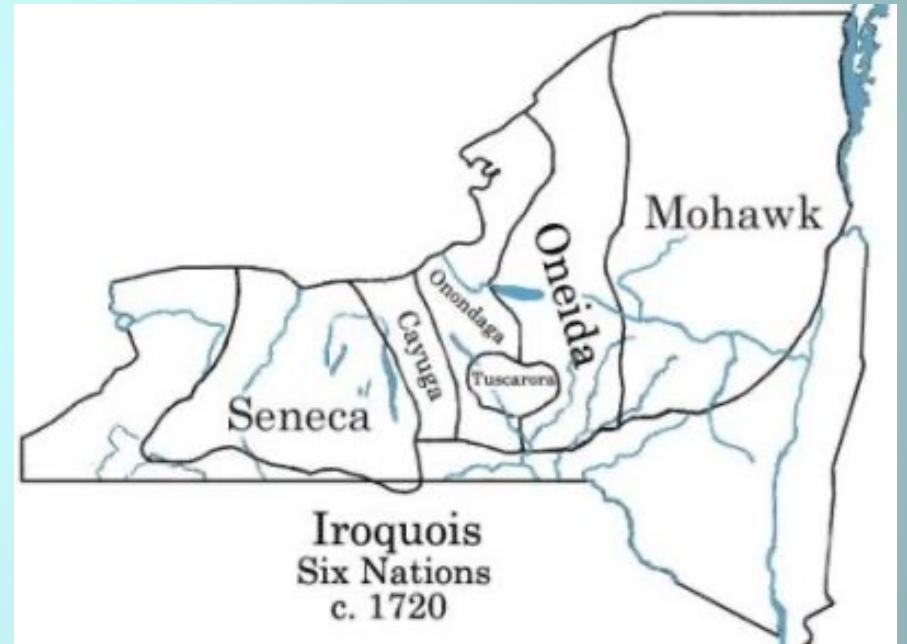
We hold these truths to be self - evident: that all men **and women** are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights governments are instituted **among men**, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

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11 Resolutions all passed unanimously except #9-the most controversial: that women should be allowed to vote. That resolution finally passed, but barely.



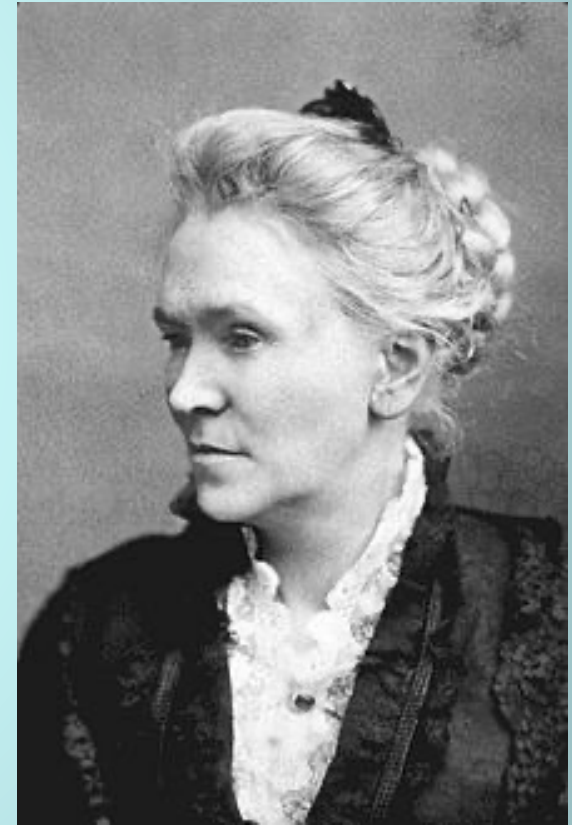
Seneca Falls was on Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) land. Lucretia Mott, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Matilda Joslyn Gage all had contact with Haudenosaunee women.





# Matilda Joslyn Gage

“Woman is learning for herself that not self-sacrifice, but self development, is her first duty in life; and this, not primarily for the sake of others but that she may become fully herself.”





## NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN

WOMEN CHOSE THEIR CHIEF.

WOMEN HELD KEY POLITICAL OFFICES.

TRIBAL LAW ENSURED WOMEN'S POLITICAL AUTHORITY WHETHER SINGLE OR MARRIED.

DECISION-MAKING WAS BY CONSENSUS AND EVERYONE HAD A VOICE.

## EUROPEAN AMERICAN WOMEN

IT WAS ILLEGAL FOR WOMEN TO VOTE.

WOMEN WERE EXCLUDED FROM POLITICAL OFFICE.

COMMON LAW DEFINED MARRIED WOMEN AS "DEAD TO THE LAW".

DECISION-MAKING WAS BY MAJORITY RULE AMONG MEN ONLY.

SOURCE: *SISTERS IN SPIRIT* BY SALLY ROESCH WAGNER



# We the People of the United States

insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common Defence, promote the Progress and our Posterity, We ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

## Article 1.

**Section 1.** All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

**Section 2.** The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, and seven Years shall have elapsed since he became a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

Representatives and electors shall be appointed every second Year, which may be extended under the same Authority to the next Term, which shall be determined by the Senate, provided that the House of Representatives shall have the Power to choose for a Term of seven Years, and continuing election, not exceeding three Years, of all the Members. The actual Commencement shall be made within three Years of the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, or such shorter or longer Term as may be directed by the Senate. The Congress of Representatives shall not exceed one fourth part beyond the number which shall have at least one Representative, and until such Enumeration shall be made, the States of New Hampshire shall be entitled to three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations one, Connecticut five, New York seven, New Jersey four, and Virginia five.

When vacancies happen in the Representation from any State, the Executive Authority thereof shall fill such Vacancies.

The House of Representatives shall choose their Speaker and other Officers, and shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.

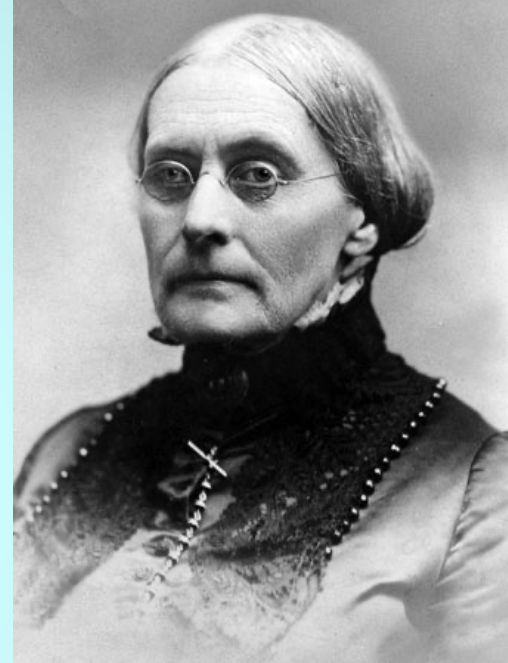
**Section 3.** The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof for six Years, and each State shall have two Senators.

Immediately after they shall be qualified in consequence of the first Election, they shall be divided as equally as may be into three Clases. The Seats of the Senators of the first Class shall be vacated at the Expiration of the second Year, of the second Class at the Expiration of the fourth Year, and of the third Class at the Expiration of the sixth Year, so that one third may be chosen every second Year; and if Vacancies happen by Resignation, or otherwise during the

# Joining forces



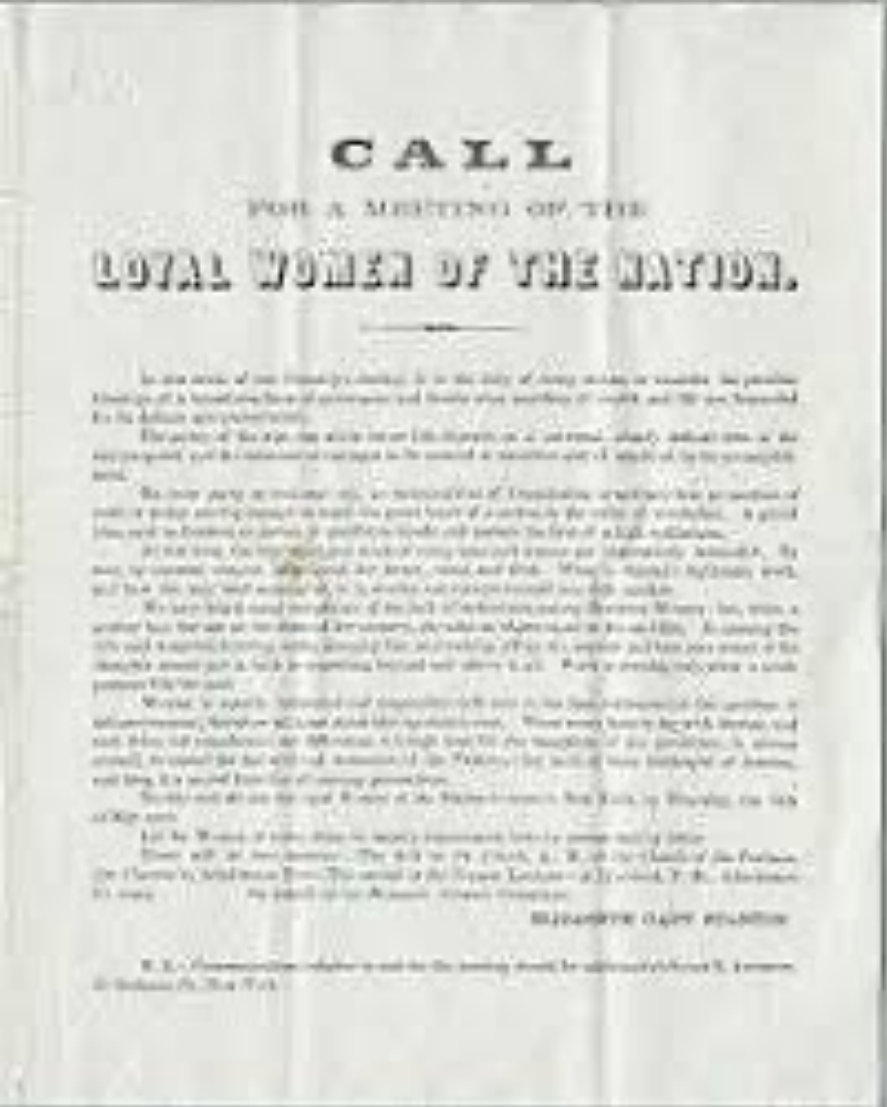
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“Whenever women gather  
together failure is impossible.”

# Civil War

## The Woman's Loyal National League



# The Reconstruction Amendments

## Section 1, 13<sup>th</sup> amendment:

“Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.”

## Section 2: 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment:

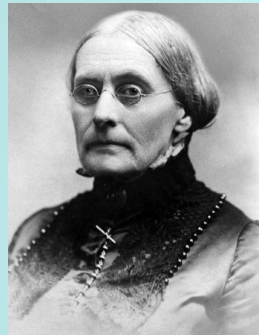
Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice-President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the Executive and Judicial officers of a State, or the members of the Legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion, or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State.

## Section 1: 15<sup>th</sup> Amendment:

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

# Split in the movement

National Woman Suffrage Association



American Woman Suffrage Association



Come, come, my conservative friend, wipe the dew off your spectacles, and see that the world is moving. –*Elizabeth Cady Stanton*

There never will be complete equality until women themselves help to make laws and elect lawmakers. –*Susan B. Anthony*

But I do believe that a woman's truest place is in a home, with a husband and with children, and with large freedom, pecuniary freedom, personal freedom, and the right to vote. - *Lucy Stone*

# The West leads the way





# New energy for a new century



Elizabeth Cady Stanton  
and  
Harriet Stanton Blatch



## The Woman's Party



Alice Paul

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

*- Alice Paul*

## The National American Woman Suffrage Association



Dr. Anne Howard Shaw



Carrie Chapman Catt

“There will never be a true democracy until every responsible law-abiding citizen in it, without regard to race, sex, color, or creed has his or her own inalienable, and unpurchasable voice in government.”

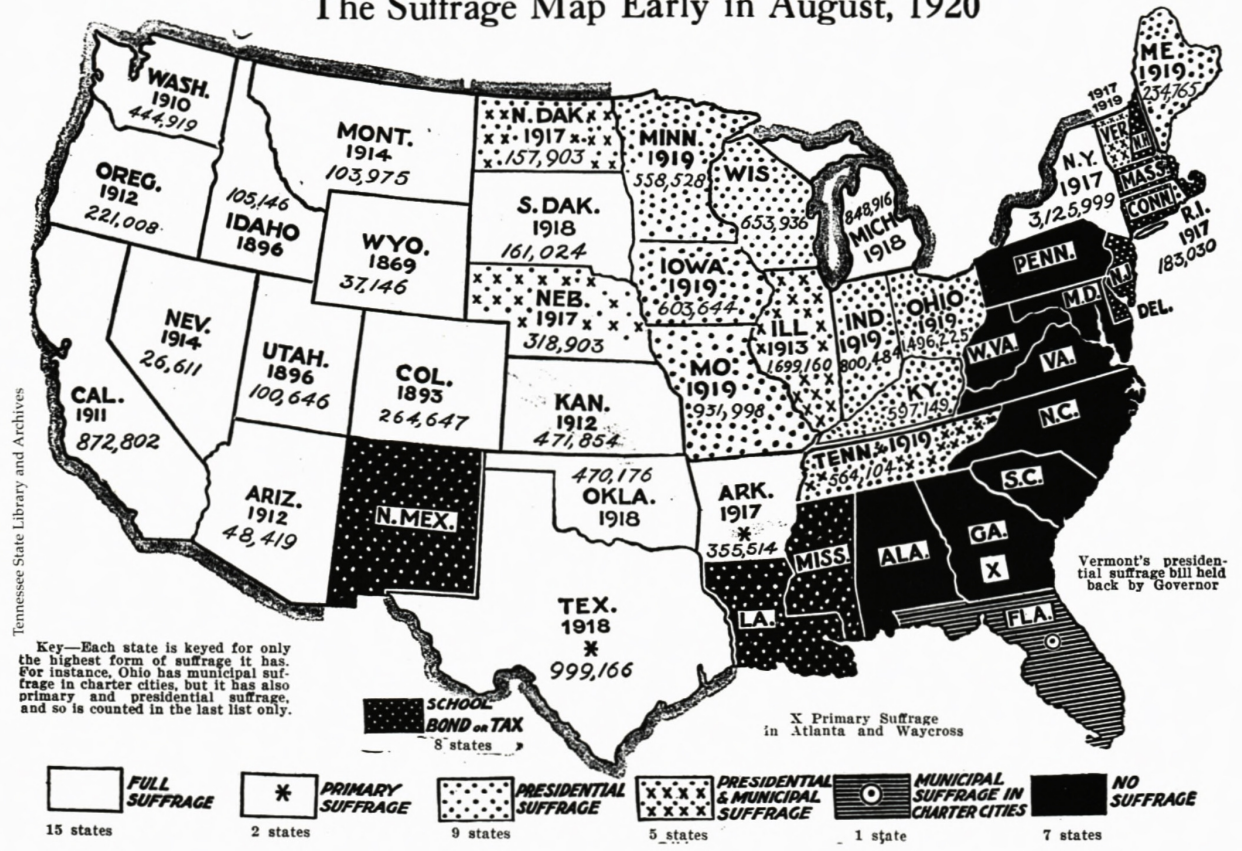
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# The silent sentinels



# The Winning Plan

The Suffrage Map Early in August, 1920



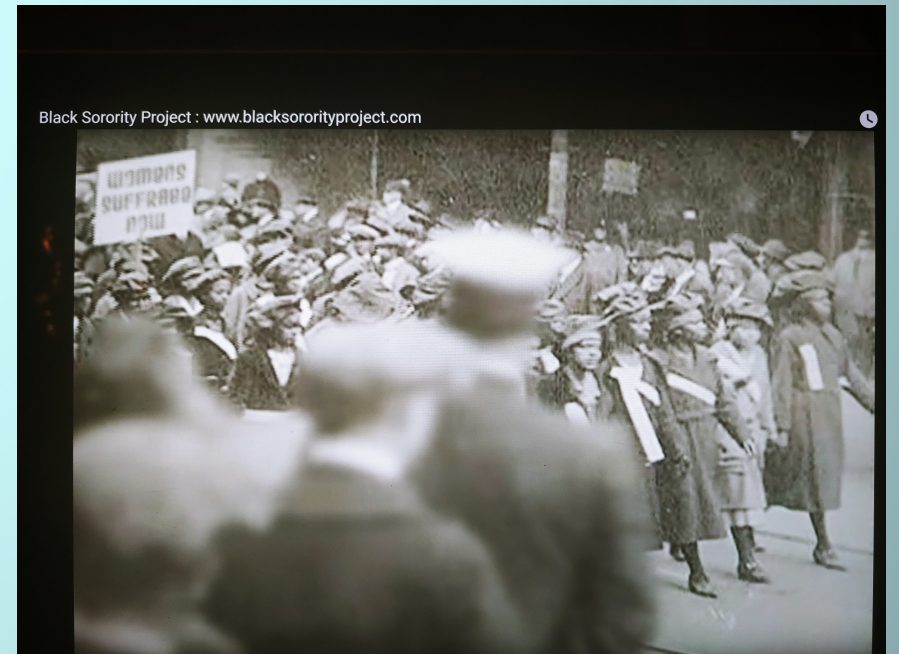
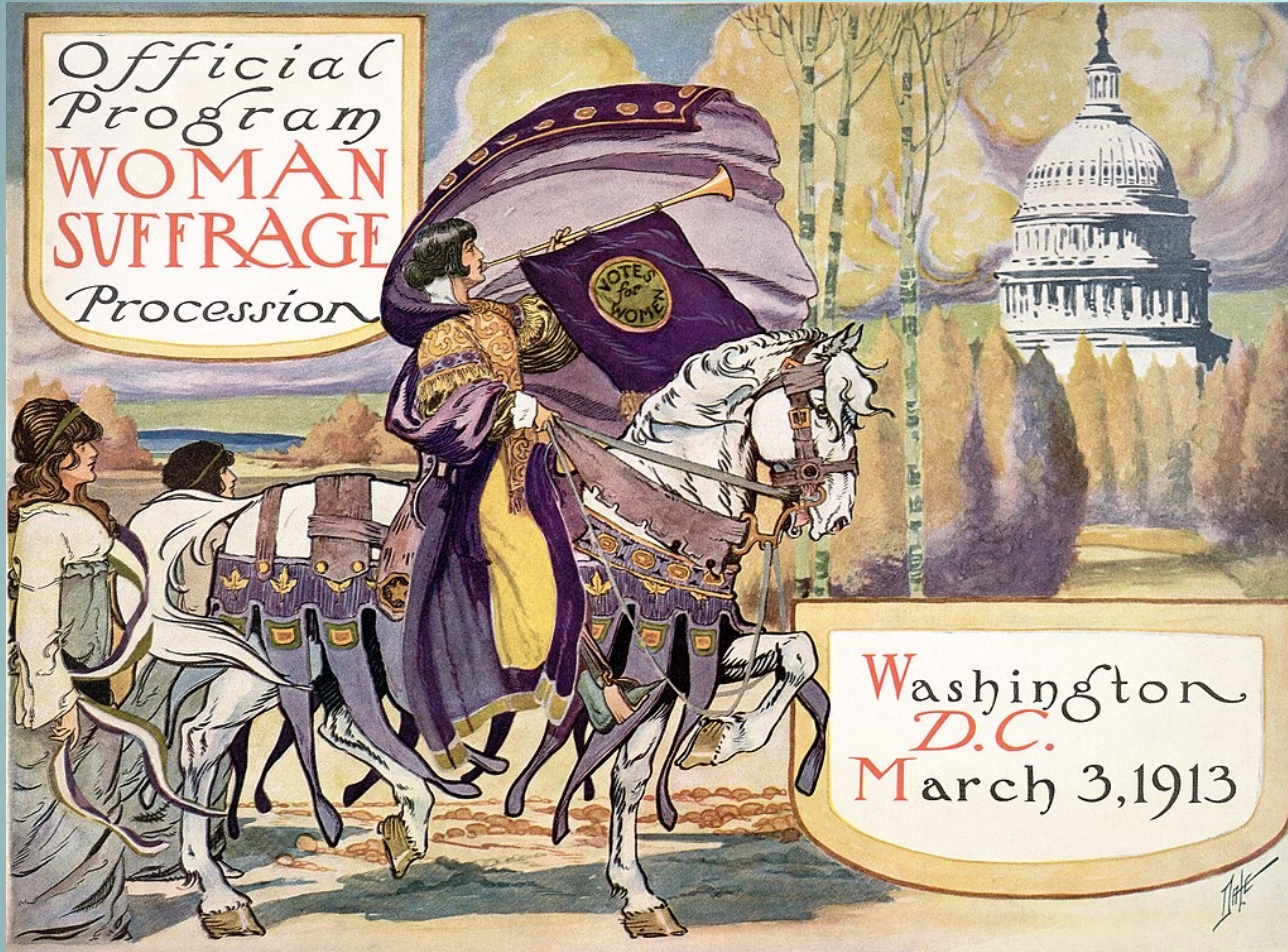
Tennessee State Library and Archives

Vermont's presidential suffrage bill held back by Governor

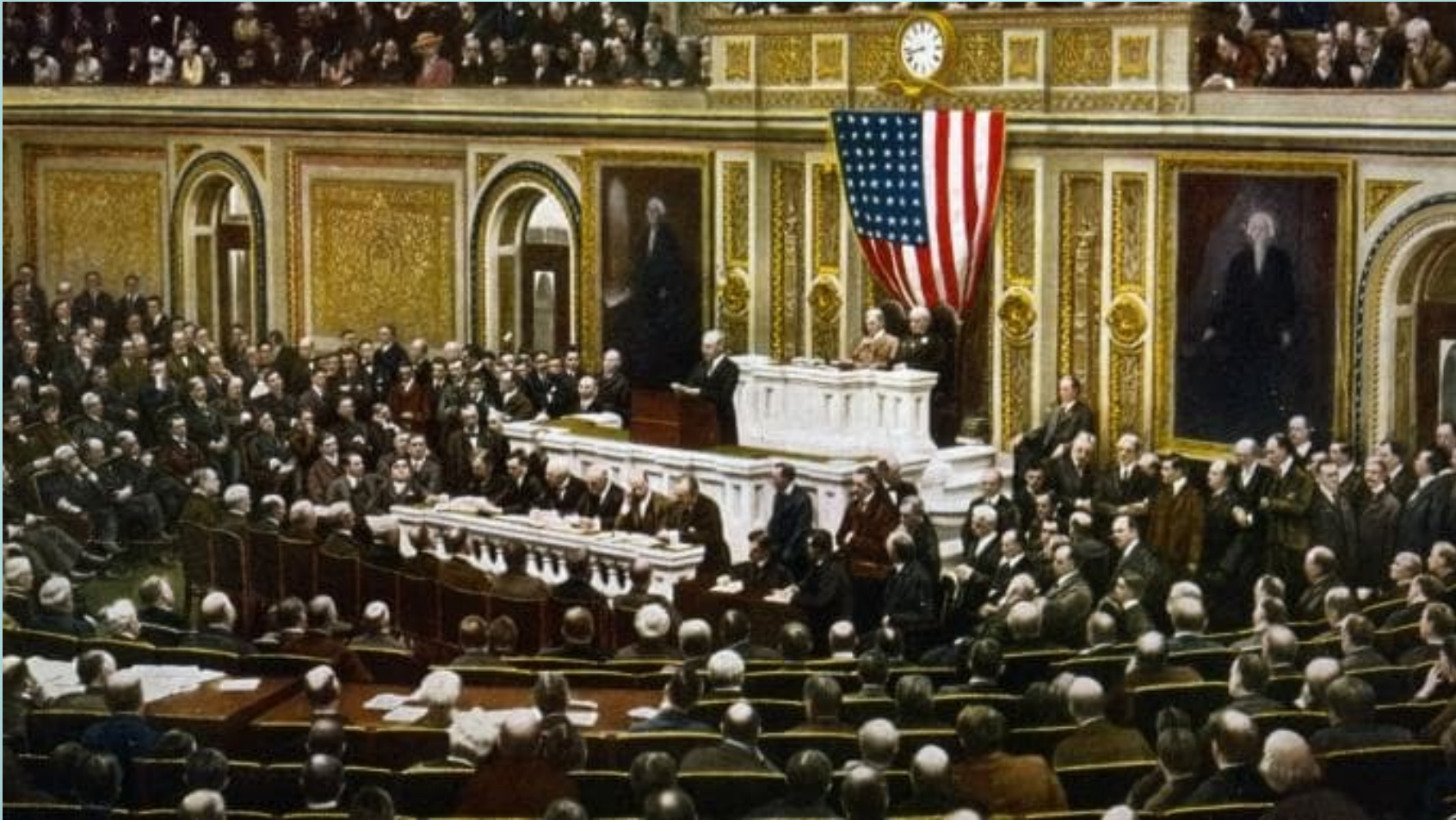


# Exclusion

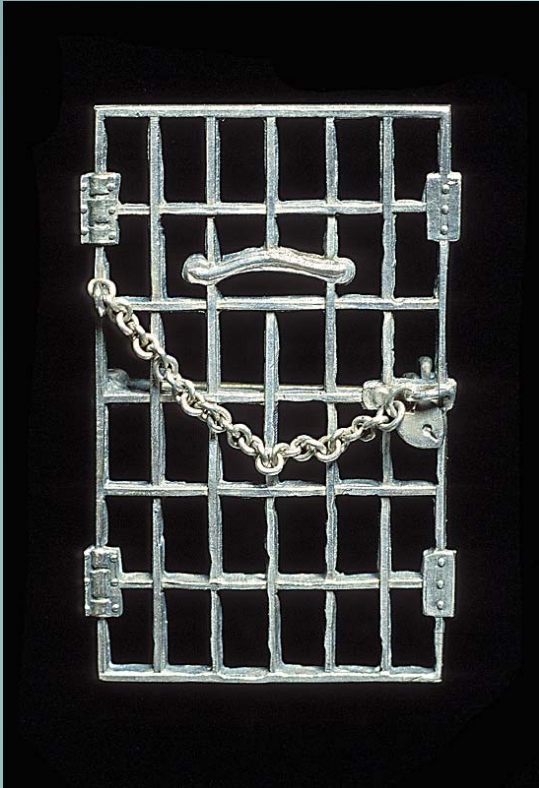




# The Final Showdown



# The Prison Special





# First to ratify



Former Wisconsin Senator David James hand-carried the official papers across the country, arriving on June 13, 1919.



# Tennessee Seals the Deal



# Victory at last!



# Victory for whom?





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# The next goal: The Alice Paul amendment

“Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.”

