

Arguments FOR Women's Suffrage
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women are equal before God • Women are equal to men • Therefore, they deserve equal rights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History and experience show that the strong tend to use power to oppress the weak
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women want the vote • Women were interested many legal matters, even the ones they were, at the time, still barred from
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other countries have already given women the vote
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Men (and some women) are simply afraid of change
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women held property and paid taxes, but were still without representation • As women had to obey laws, they required a voice in framing those laws
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women's interests should be represented and safeguarded • The female point of view should be heard for reform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some women (e.g., doctors and mayors) are far better citizens than some men (e.g., convicts and lunatics) would have the vote
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience showed how certain groups of males benefited as their right to vote was extended after 1832 • Therefore, it will benefit women's experience

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“Why We Don't Want Men to Vote”

- Because man's place is in the army.
- Because no really manly man wants to settle any question otherwise than by fighting about it.
- Because if men should adopt peaceable methods women will no longer look up to them.
- Because men will lose their charm if they step out of their natural sphere and interest themselves in other matters than feats of arms, uniforms, and drums.
- Because men are too emotional to vote. Their conduct at baseball games and political conventions shows this, while their innate tendency to appeal to force renders them unfit for government.