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Nineteenth-century American women, who are required to pay taxes, are not allowed to vote. They wonder how this could be different from colonials who rebelled against Britain when they were taxed by Parliament but were not allowed to vote for Parliamentary representatives. Henrietta Briggs-Wall created this image in 1893 (with copyright renewed in 1911). Copyright-expired image online via the Library of Congress.

At the time of the first Women's Rights Convention, married American women could not:

- Make legal contracts;
- Divorce an abusive husband;
- Gain custody of their children.

At the time, American women (whether single or married) did not:

- Vote;
- Hold elective office;
- Attend college;
- Earn a living.

Today, in developing countries, statistics show that young women are more likely than young men to do well in college. Equally surprising, girls are more confident of success than boys.

It clearly follows that legal rights to actualize one's potential benefits all of society. But when early champions of women's rights struggled just to vote, they were ridiculed at every turn.

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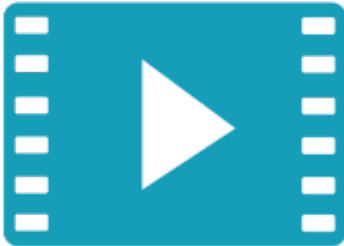


American Woman and Her Political Peers

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