

Historical Arguments SUPPORTING a Women’s Suffrage Amendment	Historical Arguments AGAINST a Women’s Suffrage Amendment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Men and women are created equal, so they should have the same rights. •Women are different from men; women are more pure, so they would restore goodness to government. •Women would vote for prohibition. •It would increase the number of educated voters. •Legislation affecting women and children would be more likely adopted or amended. •It would make women more broadminded and increase their influence. •It is fair and right that those who have to uphold the laws should be able to decide them. •It is fair and right that those who pay taxes should have a say in the amount of the tax and how that money is spent. •It would lead to equal pay for equal work •Women are already voting in states without negative effects. •It would increase the white voting bloc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •It would mean that women would be in competition with men rather than cooperation. •Women’s feminine and divine natures would be ruined and corrupted by involvement in “dirty” politics. •Women would vote for prohibition. •Women cannot handle voting because they lack the necessary mental capabilities; ill-informed voters would destroy the government. •It would threaten the family. •It would prevent women from fulfilling their primary responsibilities in the home--“a woman’s place is in the home.” •Married women would just vote like their husbands, so why spend the trouble, time, and money when the election results would remain the same? •Women do not want the responsibility of voting. •It would be a burden to women--they do not have time to vote. •Women have more important things to worry about. •It is in opposition to God’s will.