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| **Historical Arguments SUPPORTING a Women’s Suffrage Amendment** | **Historical Arguments AGAINST a Women’s Suffrage Amendment** |
| * 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.
 | * 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.
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