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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. |