



Women's rights in America

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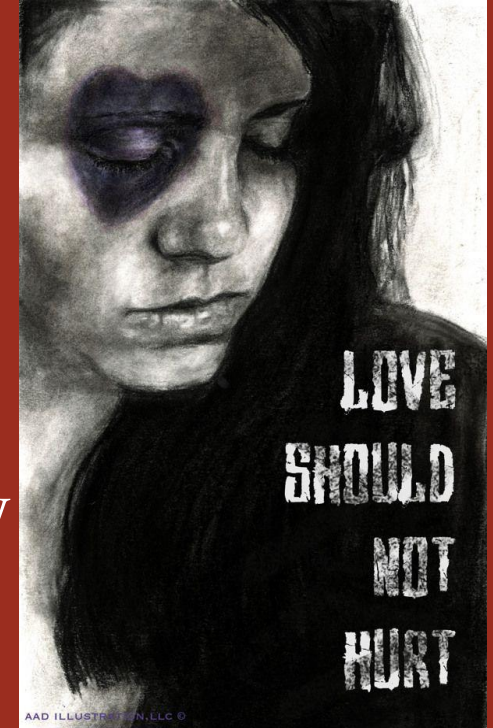
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- The **Seneca Falls Convention** was the first women's rights convention. It advertised itself as "a convention to discuss the social, civil, and religious condition and rights of woman". Held in Seneca Falls, New York, it spanned two days over *July 19–20, 1848*.



BEFORE

- **Married women – LEGALLY DEAD in the eyes of the law**
- **NO VOTE**
- **NO PROPERTY RIGHTS**
- **COULD BE BEATEN AND IMPRISONED**
- **WOMEN HAD TO PAY PROPERTY TAXES**
- **NO PROFESSIONS SUCH AS MEDICINE OR LAW**
- **NO EDUCATION**
- **WITH ONLY A FEW EXCEPTIONS, WOMEN WERE NOT ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AFFAIRS OF THE CHURCH**
- **WOMEN WERE ROBBED OF THEIR SELF-CONFIDENCE AND SELF-RESPECT, AND WERE MADE TOTALLY DEPENDENT ON MEN**



The Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, ratified in 1868, guarantees all people in all states the rights of citizens and prevents the states from **discriminating** against women by denying them legal rights because of their sex.



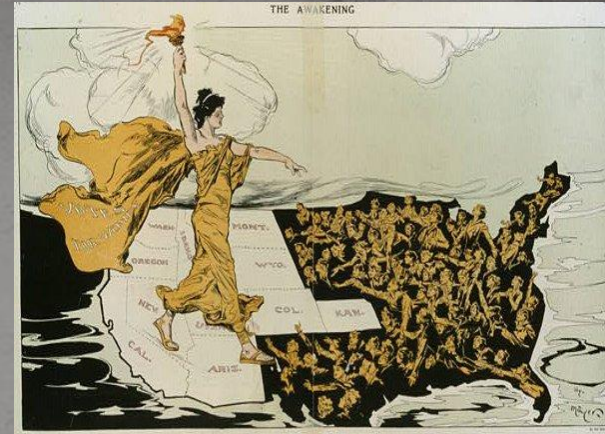
TODAY

- The right to vote;
- Right to be elected to political position and to Hold Public office
- Authority to Take Part in a Lawsuit; Authority to be a Witness, Guardian, Administrator, Executor;
- Juridical Status of Single Women;
- Domestic Relations;
- Inheritance;
- Flexitime;
- Child Care;
- Social Security;



Men dominate many of the most esteemed professional fields – and get paid more for their work.

- In 2004, only 16.8 percent of large law-firm partners were women.
- Only 1 out of every 7 engineering students is female.
- 6 percent of chief executives of the top 100 tech companies.
- Women earn an average of 77 cents for every man's dollar.



However, in spite of the progress that has been made, women aren't nearly where they need to be. Women are still embattled, facing **the prospect of violence, unequal wages** and, often, **unequal treatment every day.**





Susan B. Anthony (1820 - 1906) was an early leader in the Women's Suffrage Movement and co-founder of the National Woman Suffrage Association. She **played a pivotal role in women gaining the right to vote.**



Amelia Earhart (1897 – disappeared July 2, 1937) was an American aviator **and the first female pilot to fly solo across the Atlantic**. She disappeared during an attempt to circumnavigate the globe in 1937.



Rosalind Franklin
(1920 – 1958) was a
British biophysicist
and X-ray
crystallographer
who was
**instrumental in
the discovery of
DNA.**



Wilma Rudolph (1940 - 1994) was an American runner and Olympian. She became the **first American woman** to win three Gold medals at the 1960 Rome Olympics



When **Sandra Day O'Connor** was appointed to the Supreme Court by President Ronald Reagan in 1981, she **became the first female Justice**. She served on the Court until 2006.



Sally Ride (1951 – 2012) was an astronaut and broke barriers in 1983 when she became **the first American woman to fly in space.**



Madeleine Albright
(born 1937) became
the **first female**
Secretary of State
when she joined the
Clinton
administration in
1997.



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